

Kootenai County Solid Waste Department
Refrigeration Unit Acceptance Policy

This Department Policy governing the disposal of solid waste is promulgated under the authority of Title 4, Chapter 3 Kootenai County Code as it exists or may subsequently be amended and is effective on May 1, 2013.


Director, Solid Waste Department

REFRIGERATION UNIT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Policy:

Titles VI and VII of the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act make it illegal to freely vent Chloroflurocarbons (CFC's) from any refrigeration unit. Violators are subject to a minimum of \$25,000 fine per occurrence. Therefore:

Procedure

Standard household refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioning units delivered by residents of Kootenai County, to a Kootenai County Transfer Station shall be accepted as recyclable. Technicians that work for Kootenai County Solid Waste Department will remove the CFC's, oil, compressors and capacitors from these units so they can be recycled. Units cannot be recycled until these items are removed.

Commercial refrigeration units, residential refrigeration or air conditioning units delivered by a commercial refrigeration business, or air conditioning units larger than 24"x30"x36", shall not be accepted at a Transfer Station unless they are accompanied by a "Commercial CFC Removal Form" (attached to this policy), signed by a certified CFC technician, stating that the CFC's, compressors, oil and capacitors have been removed and disposed of properly. If the compressors have all the oil drained out of them after removal, the Transfer Station will accept them at a charge. No charge will be assessed for commercial items accepted for recycling, (i.e. the shells of refrigeration or air conditioning units). The capacitors and compressors drained of oil are accepted as garbage, and will be subject to the standard commercial rate. The oil removed from these units must be disposed of through a commercial hazardous waste disposal company. If these units do not have the CFC's, compressors, oil and capacitors removed, or the appropriate form is not accompanying them, the technician, company and/or transporter will be charged a handling/disposal fee per refrigeration unit as set forth in the current Fee Resolution.

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The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department reserves the right to make final determination as to whether any refrigeration or air conditioning unit is accepted or refused at a Transfer Station.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with proper disposal procedures, false declaration and/or deliberate disposal of Refrigeration Unit Acceptance Policy or disposal in a manner which may be deemed as resulting in a potential hazard to ground water or the environment may result in refusal of service and could be defined as unlawful disposal.

Any person unlawfully depositing or disposing of or in any way aiding or assisting in the depositing or disposing of, or provide for delivery of, inappropriately declared loads or improper disposal of Refrigeration Units within the Kootenai County disposal system or anywhere within the Kootenai County in an improper manner shall be civilly liable for the full costs and expenses of cleanup, control, elimination, abatement, decontamination or other remediation which is undertaken by Kootenai County or any other public agency to properly correct damages or potential damages associated with said violation and/or,

- a. civil responsibility for the violation
- b. criminal misdemeanor liability with a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and/or \$1,000 fine, and/or
- c. civil liability for cleanup costs

Commercial CFC Removal Form

Company: _____

Date: _____

Transporter: _____

I attest that all refrigeration and air conditioning units delivered to the Ramsey Road Transfer Station on this date have had the chloroflorocarbons, compressors, oil and capacitors removed by a certified refrigeration technician. I further understand that if this statement is falsely signed, the above-named technician, company and/or transporter will be charged a handling/disposal fee per unit pursuant to the provisions of the current Kootenai County Solid Waste Fee Resolution.

Furthermore, I understand that willful negligence on the handling of CFC's which result in discharge into the atmosphere is a violation of Title VI and VII of the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act and subject to fines by the federal government of a minimum of \$25,000 per occurrence.

Read entire document before signing

Signature

Printed Name

Company: _____

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