

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
Waste Separation 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

POLICY

Emerging federal law, environmental policy and economics require a modern solid waste facility to be able to separate the waste stream into more easily handled components.

Accordingly, customers of the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department are required to separate their waste stream to accommodate efficient disposal.

PROCEDURE

Customers will be queried by the scale house operator and directed to the proper disposal area for the waste commodity requiring disposal.

Disposal of the following items is provided for through a Transfer Station. These items must be transported in such a manner that they can be separated for disposal at the proper location at the Transfer Station.

- Asbestos
- Batteries, car and dry cell
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Construction Debris
- Residential Household Hazardous Waste
- Metals
- Recyclables (aluminum and tin cans, mixed plastics, mixed paper, carpet pad, plastic bags, and textiles)
- Electronics
- Wood waste (including pallets and stumpage)
- Tires
- Waste Oil
- Inert materials (rock, concrete, soil (excluding organic material))

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- Yard debris
- General Refuse (defined as refuse other than that listed above)

Recyclables and metal may be disposed of by commercial activities at no disposal fee. Recyclables may also be disposed of as general refuse with a tipping fee for commercial activities but at no cost to private citizens.

Transfer Station personnel will make every effort to efficiently handle disposal of waste by the public. The public should make every effort to follow the directions of Transfer Station personnel. Problems associated with disposal of separated waste will be referred immediately to the supervisor in charge of the facility.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with the above procedure may result in the denial of use until such time as compliance can be accomplished. Insistence in non-compliance by the customer and disposal of waste in a manner inconsistent with this separation policy or the direction of Transfer Station Personnel may be deemed improper or 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 refuse or waste within the Kootenai County disposal system or anywhere within 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 \$1,000.00 fine, and/or
- c. civil liability for cleanup costs.