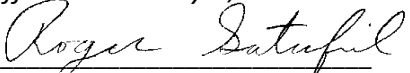


KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
Wood Waste Policy

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

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department will accept commercial and residential wood waste for disposal. Industrial wood waste is not accepted. Wood waste and stumps must be separated from general refuse prior to disposal.

Wood waste is defined as wood products, including but not limited to, limbs, branches, lumber and clean stumps. Excluded from this definition are railroad ties or any wood that has a large amount of metal or concrete attached.

Wood Waste mixed with demolition/construction materials will be disposed of as mixed demolition.

PROCEDURE

Residents and citizens of Kootenai County may dispose of up to 2000 pounds of wood waste per load at no cost, provided they personally deliver the material to the Transfer Station. Upon request, the resident must be able to verify the material came from their private residence for which an annual solid waste fee has been paid. Disposal by a county resident of any wood waste in excess of 2000 pounds per load will be charged at the rates in accordance with the current fee resolution.

Waste resulting from activity or service for profit will be deemed a commercial activity and disposal resulting from that commercial activity will be allowed at the current commercial rate.

Any wood waste which is brought to the Transfer Station by any commercial activity,

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business or service, including but not limited to tree and lawn services, contractors or construction companies, will be charged a disposal fee at the current commercial rate.

Wood waste which is brought to the Transfer Station for disposal must be separated from general refuse and recyclables. Separation is necessary to efficiently process material for shipment to the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek. Large wood products and stumps will require grinding or special handling and/or transport.

Large commercial loads may be shipped directly to the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek for disposal. For large commercial loads disposal arrangements must be made with the Administration Office of Kootenai County Solid Waste, a minimum of 24 hours in advance of disposal. The Solid Waste Department may require additional information, testing and/or inspection prior to disposal.

Large commercial loads will be required to transport the materials first to a Transfer Station for weighing, billing, weight slips and obtain authorization prior to going to Fighting Creek.

ENFORCEMENT

Wood waste disposal not conforming to the procedures outlined above may be denied disposal until proper procedures are followed. Failure to follow prescribed procedures may be deemed as 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, any wood waste 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

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