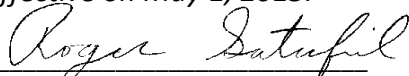


**KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**  
***Yard Waste Policy***

*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.*

  
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Director, Solid Waste Department

**POLICY**

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department will accept commercial and residential yard waste for disposal. Yard waste need not be separated from general refuse prior to disposal.

Yard waste is defined as grass, leaves, pine needles or brush, garden waste, hay and sod. Yard waste mixed with rock, soil or other refuse will be disposed of as general refuse.

**PROCEDURE**

Residents and citizens of Kootenai County may dispose of up to 2000 pounds of yard 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 yard 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 yard waste which is brought to the Transfer Station by any commercial activity, 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.

Yard waste which is brought to the Transfer Station for disposal must be separated from

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wood waste and recyclables. Separation is necessary to efficiently process material for shipment to the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Yard 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 yard 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