

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT *Dead Animals 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 January 1, 2020.

Deceased animals will be accepted for disposal into the Department waste system. *All animals must be deceased prior to arrival at any of the Solid Waste facilities.*

Procedure

The Department will accept dead animals and parts thereof for disposal. Dead animals constitute a health hazard and will be disposed of in such a manner as to minimize exposure to and handling by personnel.

Animals that have been euthanized should not be disposed or used in any way that may cause illness or injury to wildlife as euthanasia drugs can remain toxic. When disposing of animals that have been euthanized, place them in plastic bags, and notify the scale house attendant upon arrival at a transfer station.

Owners of small (less than 100 lbs), dead household pets may bring them directly to either transfer station for disposal during operational hours. Residential customers may dispose of dead animals weighing less than 100 pounds at no cost.

Disposal of large dead animals (greater than 100 lbs), as well as dead animals processed by large volume generators and/or commercial generators will be transported and disposed of at Fighting Creek Landfill after weighing at a transfer station.

Advanced notice (minimum of 24-hour) must be given to the Department prior to disposal of large dead animals and animals disposed of by commercial or large volume generators so the Landfill can be adequately prepared. Animal disposal is accepted at the landfill Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Disposal of large dead animals and parts thereof or commercial/large volume generators will have the choice of two cost options outlined in the current fee resolution. Both options require at least one stop at a transfer station before going to Fighting Creek Landfill.

Option 1: The generator will weigh in at a transfer station before heading to the Landfill for disposal. The generator will weigh out at the same transfer station upon return from the Landfill. Disposal fee will be charged on a per ton basis.

Option 2: The generator will weigh in at a transfer station and pay on a per animal basis; customer will receive a paid receipt and authorization for disposal at the Landfill. The customer need not return to the transfer station after disposal.

Government agencies such as the Fish and Game, Department of Transportation, and others whose duties require the disposal of animal remains from roadside clean up are exempt from disposal fees outlined in this policy. Any animal greater than 100 lbs must be taken to the landfill for disposal.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with proper disposal procedures, making of a false declaration regarding waste generation or the deliberate disposal of improper waste, and/or the disposal of waste in a manner which may result in a hazard to ground water or the environment, may result in refusal of service and may be defined as unlawful disposal, which is subject to the penalties and remedies outlined in Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 16, Kootenai County Code.