

## KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

### *Direct Landfill Discharge 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.*

The Fighting Creek Landfill is not open to the general public for disposal of materials, with the exception of the acceptance of dead animals, asbestos, and authorized loads of diverted waste from the transfer stations. Waste must be generated within Kootenai County.

#### **Waste Diversion Loads**

In order to maintain safe and efficient operations at the transfer stations, the Department may seek to limit acceptance of loads and elect to divert waste directly to the Fighting Creek Farm Landfill (Landfill) based on project size, types of waste, quantities of materials, or method of delivery. Waste diversion shall be at the discretion of the Department and will only be offered to customers with qualifying loads. Upon authorization by the Department, the customer shall divert waste directly to the Landfill and will be charged the reduced fee adopted by Resolution.

Direct landfill disposal is accepted Monday through Friday, except for holiday closures, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Department will authorize one of the following procedures:

1. The load is weighed on a Department approved certified scale and the driver provides weight tickets to landfill staff for each load;
2. The load is weighed both inbound and outbound at a Department facility. The driver for each load will provide the landfill staff with a copy of the weight ticket from the scale house; or
3. One complete load will be weighed at a transfer station and the balance of the loads delivered will be entered on those weights. This option provides that one complete load is weighed on a daily basis.

Upon the customer's arrival at the Fighting Creek Landfill, a county representative is required to inspect the load and direct the customer to the appropriate disposal area. If applicable, all loads requiring asbestos-free verification must provide a copy of the approved verification form to landfill staff prior to disposal. (See Asbestos and Asbestos-Free policies)

If loads authorized for diversion are deemed by the Department to require special handling once discharged at the Landfill, customers will be immediately notified and will have the opportunity to remove the material or not be eligible for a reduced fee.

It is the customer's responsibility to safely deliver and deposit materials in the Landfill. There may be restrictions at the Landfill during certain times of the year and/or conditions regarding placement of the material.

### **Garbage Truck Direct Landfill Discharge**

The Department may authorize garbage trucks to directly discharge materials at the Landfill. This authorization allows for the direct discharge of materials at the Fighting Creek Landfill by either weighing at a transfer station or by estimation of volume of materials.

Where the requirement of weighing at a transfer station is waived, upon arrival at the Fighting Creek Landfill, a county representative shall complete the appropriate paperwork and estimate the amount of material discharged at the Landfill. This paperwork shall be submitted to the Admin office on a *weekly* basis for tracking purposes.

### **Enforcement**

Failure to comply with proper disposal procedures, false declaration or deliberate disposal of improper material, and/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 which is subject to penalties and remedies as outlined in Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 16, Kootenai County Code.