

## KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

### *Dust Mitigation 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 Department provides solid waste disposal services that operate in an efficient and environmentally safe manner.

Immediate inhalation hazards from concentrated dusty loads, long-term exposure to dust created by high traffic, heavy dust that impairs visibility, and multi-directional traffic all create hazards that can affect facilities, employees and customers.

Necessary steps are required to mitigate or reduce the effects of airborne hazards from dusty loads. Any customer operating a vehicle or trailer with a capacity in excess of a standard eight-foot boxed pickup truck, bringing a load of dusty material, or material with the capability of creating an airborne hazard, shall take positive steps to eliminate the potential for the creation of concentrated dust from the discharge of materials.

Positive steps include, but are not limited to, wetting, tackifying, bagging or other approved non-hazardous packaging of material that has the potential for creating airborne dust. The Department must approve bagging technique or alternative measures to mitigate airborne hazards.

Customers that have loads with the potential for causing airborne hazards must immediately declare the contents of their load and the steps taken to mitigate any airborne hazard to the transfer station's scale house operator upon entering the facility. The scale house operator will notify staff at the disposal destination of the potentially dusty load. The staff will inspect the load prior to discharge. If the load does not meet the hazard mitigation requirements, the customer shall be deferred to the onsite supervisor who will approve or reject the load. If rejected, the customer shall not dispose of material until the proper mitigation steps have been taken and verified.

#### **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.