

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Refrigeration Unit Acceptance 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.

Section 608 of the Clean Air Act outlines the regulatory requirements necessary to reduce the impact of synthetic chemical emissions. The Department's policy is in accordance with all EPA regulatory requirements.

Procedure

Standard household refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioning units delivered by residents of Kootenai County, to a Department transfer station will be accepted as recyclable. EPA certified Department staff remove the necessary components, including CFCs, from these units so they can be properly recycled.

Commercial refrigeration units and/or residential refrigeration or air conditioning units delivered by a commercial business will not be accepted at a transfer station without a completed Commercial CFC Removal Form. Commercial refrigeration units include, but are not limited to, soda machines, ice machines, sliding door merchandisers (e.g. Blue Bunny, Red Bull, Gatorade), air conditioning units larger than 24"x30"x36", deli cases and worktop refrigerators. The Commercial CFC Removal Form must be complete and signed by a certified CFC technician, stating that the necessary components, including CFCs, have been removed and disposed of properly before the unit may be accepted by the Department.

The Department reserves the right to make final determination as to whether any refrigeration or air conditioning unit is accepted or refused at a transfer station. All units must comply with standard size disposal requirements, under 4 foot wide by 10 foot long.

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.

Commercial CFC Removal Form

Transporting Company: _____

Date: _____

Transporter Signature: _____

I attest that all refrigeration and air conditioning units delivered to a Kootenai County Transfer Station on this date have had the chlorofluorocarbons, compressors, oil and capacitors removed by a certified refrigeration technician. I further understand that if this statement is falsely signed, the named technician, company and/or transporter will be charged a handling/disposal fee per unit pursuant to the provisions of the current Kootenai County Solid Waste Fee Resolution.

Furthermore, I understand that willful negligence on the handling of CFC's which result in discharge into the atmosphere is a violation of Section 608 of the Clean Air Act and subject to fines by the federal government of a minimum of \$25,000 per occurrence.

CFC Removal Company

EPA Certified Technician Signature

Printed Name