

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Separation of 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 January 1, 2020.

Federal mandates, environmental policy and economics stress a strong emphasis on separation of commodities in the waste stream. Source separated commodities are more efficient to handle and allow for proper shipment of materials to end markets. Customers of Department facilities are strongly encouraged to separate commodities to accommodate efficient and effective disposal.

Source separation of material allows for determination of material that is recyclable or unacceptable to deposit within the waste system. Screening of waste is performed multiple times through the process to identify, remove, remediate, or control unacceptable waste.

Procedure

Customers will be questioned by the scale house operator and directed to the proper disposal area for the waste commodity.

Deposit of the following items is required at a transfer station. These items must be separated from general waste.

- Batteries (car, rechargeable household)
- Residential household hazardous waste
- Tires
- Waste oil

Department personnel will make every effort to efficiently handle disposal of waste by the public. The public should make every effort to follow the directions of Department personnel. Problems associated with disposal of separated or unacceptable waste will be referred immediately to the supervisor in charge of the facility.

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.