

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Special Waste Disposal 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, without prior authorization, will not accept any special waste materials that do not clearly fit into the municipal solid waste category.

This policy is a guideline to determine the acceptability of special waste materials (including but not limited to impacted soil, street sweepings, car wash grit, sludge or wastewater treatment residuals, dredging material, process waste, unused commercial products). Due to the potential of encountering a wide variety of products, it will often be necessary for the Department to make a case-by-case determination on the acceptability of material.

Department facilities do not accept wastes that exhibit hazardous waste characteristics, contain levels of contaminants that could impact operations, contain liquid waste, or other attributes that deem material unacceptable for disposal. Waste must be generated within Kootenai County.

As determined by the Department, disposer will complete a Special Waste Disposal Application, complete testing and provide analytical reports from a certified laboratory (testing shall be within last 60 days), provide safety data sheets, and other required information based on waste type, volume, and method of disposal. Additional analyses may be required prior to making a decision on material acceptance.

If approved, the Department will provide written authorization and disposal instructions including the site designated to accept the material, notification requirements, and specific date and/or times material can be deposited.

Many special wastes require direct landfill disposal and cannot be disposed at a transfer station. (See Direct Landfill Discharge Policy)

All material is subject to waste screening, testing, and inspection by the Department. The Department has the right to reject material at the point of disposal if delivered material is not representative of material submitted.

General Waste Guidelines – this does not include all types of special waste material.

Clean Soil: Clean, inert soil may be accepted at the Ramsey Transfer Station. Customers must validate to the scale house operator that disposal of quantities of soil or dirt under one ton are clean of petroleum or other hazardous products. Disposal in excess of one ton will require analytical testing to verify absence of petroleum or other hazardous products prior to written approval by the Department.

Contaminated Soil: Contaminated soil will not be accepted. Petroleum contaminated soils are defined as any soil, soil product or absorbent that has any form of petroleum product within the soil. Prohibited soils could also include soils impacted by mining or other process waste.

Septage or Sewer/Wastewater Sludge: Sewer and wastewater sludge will not be accepted. This includes solid or semi-solid sewage and wastewater material generated from a septic tank, sewer system, or wastewater treatment facility. Grit and screenings from a municipal wastewater treatment facility may be accepted on a case-by-case basis and disposed at a location specified by the Department.

Street Sweepings: Up to two (2) tons per day of approved street sweepings can be disposed at a transfer station, unless otherwise directed by the Department. Larger volumes of street sweepings require testing and written approval and must be disposed at the landfill unless otherwise approved.

Sawdust, Wood Shavings and other Airborne/Dust Hazards: Disposers of sawdust, wood shavings and other items that could pose an airborne hazard, must comply with the Dust Mitigation Policy. Items are subject to bagging requirements and/or landfill disposal for larger quantities.

Car Wash Grit, Mud or Oil/Water Separators Grit, Sump Waste: Grit, mud, and other material from sumps, separators, collectors and other sources may require testing, written approval, and shall be disposed at the Landfill unless otherwise directed. Material must not contain free-liquids at the time of disposal.

Dredging and Log Yard Waste: Dredging material from lakes, streams, channels, ponds or other waterways and log yard waste will not be accepted.

Demolition Projects: Demolished structures may contain a number of hazards and will require prior approval. (See Asbestos Policy, Asbestos-Free Policy, Direct Landfill Discharge Policy and other applicable policies)

Medical Waste: See Medical Waste Policy.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with proper disposal procedures, making of a false declaration regarding special waste, or the deliberate disposal of special 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.