

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Tire 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.

Idaho Code, Chapter 65, Title 39 requires approved methods of recycling and reuse of tires. The Department will accept tires for disposal but does not landfill tires, in accordance with the law.

Tires will be shipped to markets and care will be taken to assure disposal will not be through a landfill. All tires shipped from the Department must be recycled in a manner of compliance to Idaho Code.

Procedure

Residential customers may dispose of a maximum of eight (8) regular-sized vehicle tires (not on rims) at a transfer station at no charge. Individuals desiring to dispose of more than eight (8) tires within a calendar year will be charged a per tire fee as outlined in the current fee resolution. Any person disposing of thirteen (13) or more tires shall be considered a commercial user subject to commercial rates.

Residential customers may dispose of oversized tires at the current oversized tire disposal rate. Oversized tire fees are based on size of tire and ply. No oversized tires on rims will be accepted.

Commercial companies desiring to dispose of tires are charged at rates as outlined in the current fee resolution. Commercial companies desiring to dispose of oversized tires are charged an oversized tire fee per tire in addition to the tire disposal tonnage rate.

Tires mounted on rims, regardless of customer status, are charged a fee per tire for rim removal as outlined in the current fee resolution. The Department does not accept any over-sized tires on rims.

Waste tires from bicycles, wheel barrows and lawn mowers are exempt from recycling requirements and will be landfilled if brought to the transfer stations. Waste tires, regardless of source, shall not be disposed of through the Rural System or local curbside garbage collection service.

Should tires be identified in the waste stream, co-mingled with general refuse, every effort will be made by Department personnel to safely extract the tire from the waste prior to landfilling.

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.