

KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Waste Materials 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.

Barrels, Containers, Drums, and Tanks: The following requirements must be met before any barrel, container, drum, or tank can be disposed of at a Kootenai County Transfer Station:

1. All containers, regardless of capacity, that contained hazardous materials must be triple rinsed and completely drained prior to disposal within the solid waste system. Applicable containers for the Residential Hazardous Waste Program, following all rules and regulations outlined by Department policy, are exempt from this requirement.
2. All containers having a capacity over 10 gallons shall have one end removed prior to depositing at a transfer station for disposal.
3. All containers must comply with standard disposal size requirements, no larger than 10 foot long by 4 foot wide.

Containers failing to meet the disposal requirements will not be accepted into the waste stream.

Large Bulky Items: Dimensions of items brought to any transfer station for disposal must be under 4 feet wide by 10 feet long or otherwise configured in a manner which is easily handled by existing disposal equipment. Items over the size limit may be accepted on a case by case basis.

Wood Waste: Wood waste is defined as wood products, including but not limited to, limbs, branches, lumber and clean stumps. Excluded from this definition are railroad ties, telephone poles, any wood that has a large amount of metal or concrete attached, and non-separated wood from general refuse. Industrial wood waste is not accepted.

Wood waste and stumps must be separated from general refuse prior to disposal. Wood waste is subject to the standard size restriction of all refuse; size must be under 4 feet wide by 10 feet long. Wood waste over the size limit may be accepted, by Department discretion, if it can be easily handled by equipment.

Large loads of wood waste may, at the discretion of the Department, be diverted to the Fighting Creek Landfill for disposal. (See Direct Landfill Discharge policy).

Yard Waste: Yard waste is defined as grass, leaves, pine needles, brush, garden waste, hay and sod. The Department will accept commercial and residential yard waste for disposal. Yard waste which is brought to a transfer station for disposal must be separated from wood waste and recyclables. Yard waste does not need to be separated from general refuse prior to disposal.

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.