

Kootenai County Solid Waste User Handbook

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LOCATIONS:

Ramsey Transfer Station

3330 N. Ramsey Road
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Prairie Transfer Station

15580 W. Prairie Avenue
Post Falls, ID 83854

Administration Office

3650 N. Ramsey Road
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Fighting Creek Landfill

22089 S. Highway 95
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Transfer Stations

7 Days a Week
8:00 AM-4:55 PM Daily

Staffed Rural Sites

7 Days a Week
8:00 AM-5:00 PM Daily

Administrative Office

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM Daily
Closed from 12-1 pm Daily

Fighting Creek Landfill

Not open to public, by appointment only

General Solid Waste Guidelines

- All waste **MUST** be generated within the boundaries of Kootenai County.
- No industrial waste will be accepted.
- Household hazardous waste is accepted from residential customers only.
- Household hazardous waste has a maximum limit of 10 liquid gallons per residential customer per collection day.
- Commercial vehicles will be charged for disposal of waste.
- We accept all major credit cards, cash, and local checks.
- No salvaging per Kootenai County Ordinance.
- Always secure and cover load.
- Please refrain from using cell phones while onsite.

Holiday Closures:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

If in doubt, give a shout:

Administration Office

(208) 446-1430

Recycling Hotline

(208) 446-1433

Or look us up online

<https://www.kcgov.us/380/>

Kootenai County Solid Waste

Mission Statement



It is the mission of the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department to:

- Protect the public health and well-being for all citizens affected directly or indirectly, now and in the future
- Provide environmentally sound facilities and operations before, during, and after disposal of solid waste.
- Provide effective and efficient means of solid waste disposal to the citizens of Kootenai County.
- Insure the equity of solid waste disposal costs among all citizens.

What is a transfer station?

A transfer station is a facility where refuse is separated and processed for either recycling or shipment to a landfill. Kootenai County operates 2 transfer stations, one on Ramsey Road in Coeur d'Alene and the other on Prairie Avenue in Post Falls.

How do operations at a transfer station work?

- Vehicles enter public entrance gates and wait for the traffic signal in front of the inbound scale house.
- Once signal turns green, 1 vehicle may enter onto the scale to determine gross weight.
- The scale house attendant will ask questions to determine the waste is generated within Kootenai County and what type of material is being disposed of, which will be noted within the computer tracking system. The customer will be provided a card to designate the type of waste being disposed of and can be advised where to offload the specific waste.
- Separate areas for waste throughout the facilities include: wood, tires, metal, refrigerators/air conditioners, motor oil, household hazardous waste, electronics, recyclables, inert material and general refuse.
- Once material has been disposed of, vehicles move toward outbound scale house. The card given at the inbound scale house will now be surrendered to the scale house attendant and vehicle will be reweighed and weight recorded. If there are any charges, the attendant will collect monies at this time.



Why is safety so important?

At our transfer stations, the environment is constantly changing. Between large trucks, heavy equipment, forklifts, pedestrians, customers and inclement weather, it is essential every person remains alert and aware of what is happening around them at all times. We ask that customers: follow directions given from staff; keep children and pets inside of vehicle at all times; not smoke; not exceed posted speed limits; and refrain from using cell phones while onsite.

What do I need if I am demolishing a building?

If the building is greater than 400 square feet, a report from an asbestos remediation company verifying that there is no asbestos in the waste must be obtained. Verification paperwork is available from any scale house, the administration office or can be printed from our website.

Does the Solid Waste Department pick up garbage from my residence?

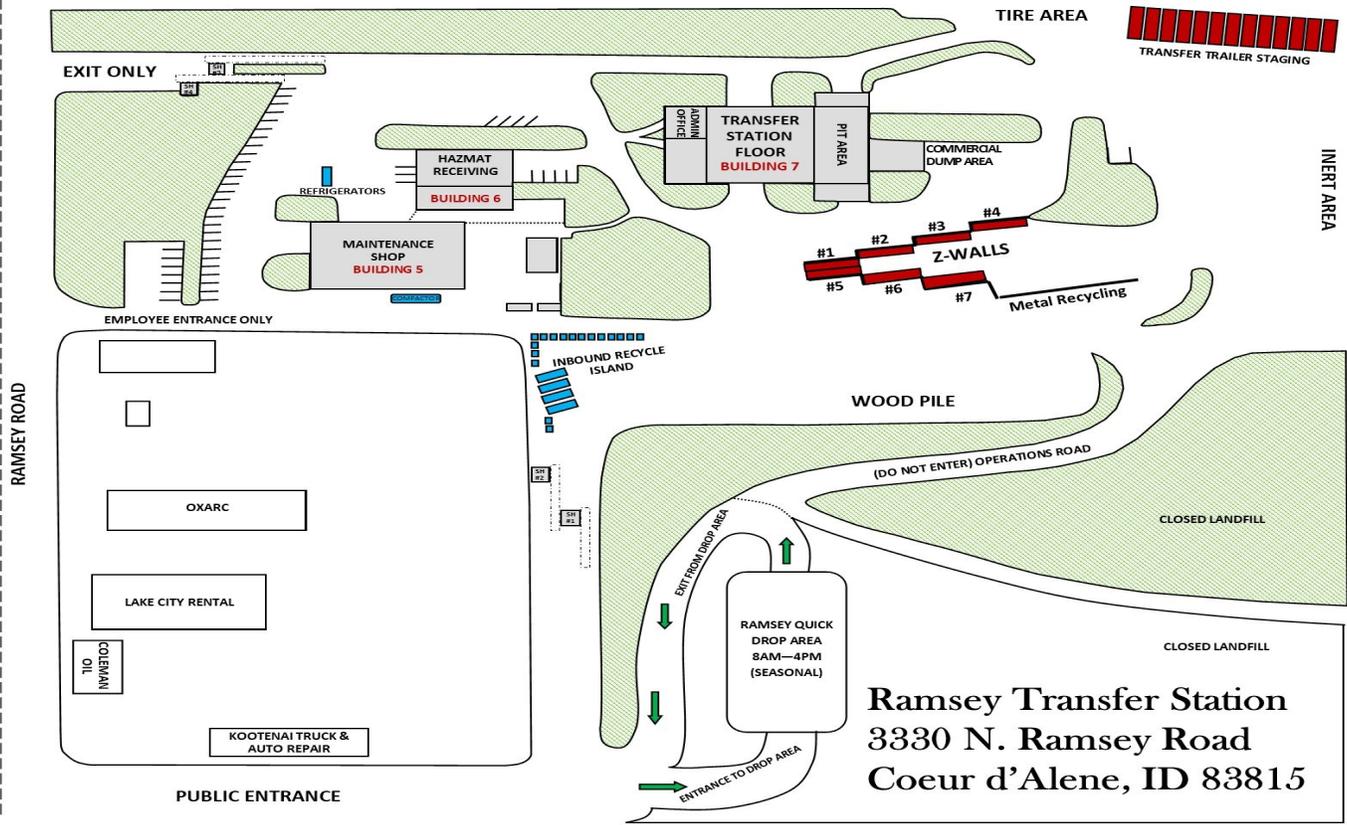
No. Kootenai County does NOT operate any hauling services. The commercial and residential hauling services are provided by private hauling companies. There are two main hauling companies that service the larger communities in Kootenai County. Republic Services (previously known as CDA Garbage/PF Sanitation) can be contacted at (208) 457-1820. Waste Management of Idaho at (208) 765-4968. For outlying areas, contact our administration office to direct you to your local hauler.

I have an out of state license plate but I live in Kootenai County, can I use your facilities?

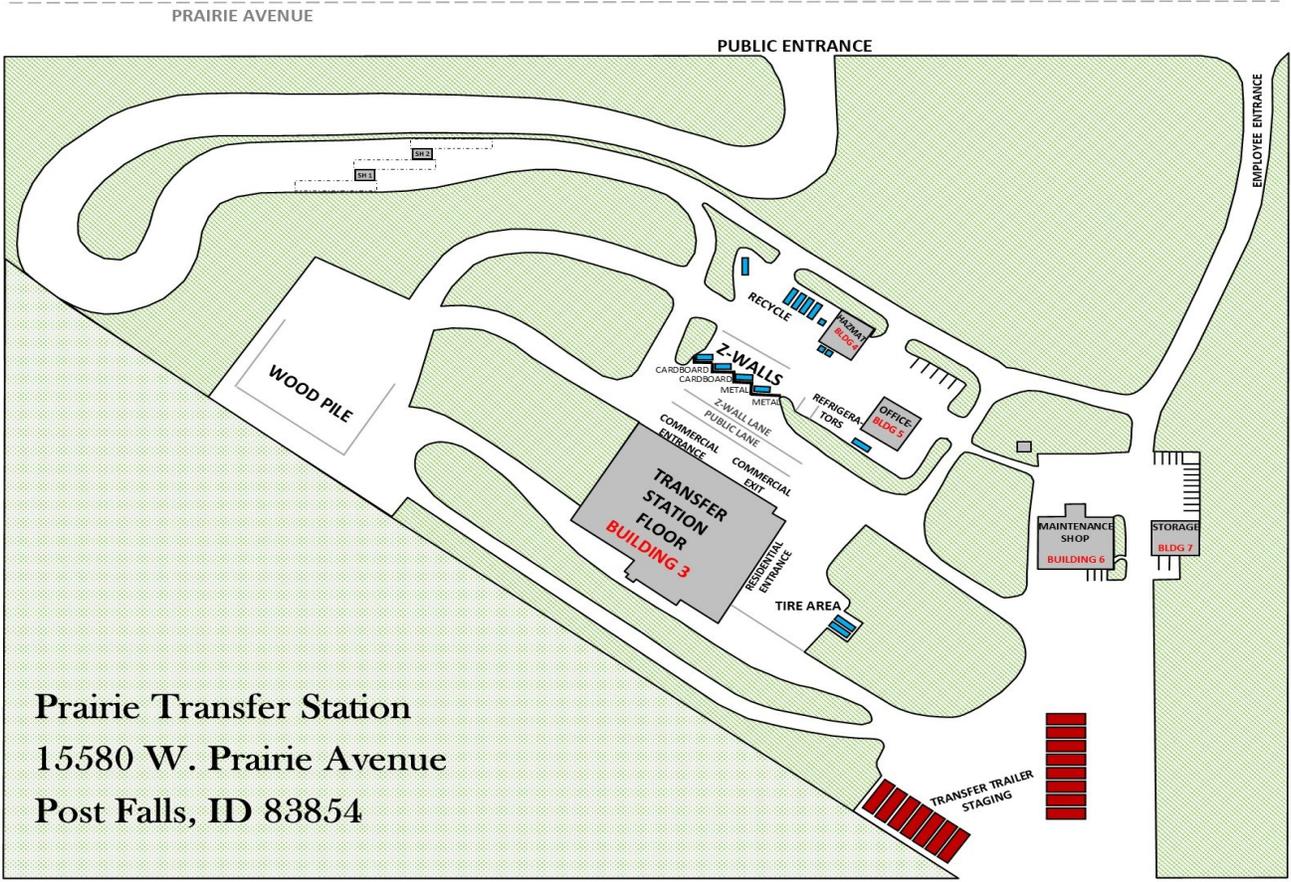
Yes. If you have paid your annual solid waste residential fee, you can utilize our transfer stations and rural site system. When you enter any of our facilities, we will ask for proof of residency. A current driver's license with your Kootenai County address on it, vehicle registration, or a tax statement will fulfill the requirement. As a service to our customers, we also provide a window sticker program that allows an application to be filled out and stickers designated to resident's vehicles so proof is not required to be shown every trip into our facilities. Contact the administration office at (208) 446-1430 to take part in this great program.



TRANSFER STATIONS



Ramsey Transfer Station
 3330 N. Ramsey Road
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815



Prairie Transfer Station
 15580 W. Prairie Avenue
 Post Falls, ID 83854

Kootenai County Solid Waste Fee Schedule

Transfer Station Disposal Fees			
RESIDENTIAL FEES	Per ton	COMMERCIAL FEES	Per ton
Construction/Demolition Waste First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$ 76.70	Construction/Demolition Waste	\$ 76.70
Dead Animals Less than 100 lbs. Greater than 100 lbs.	Free \$ 50.00	Dead Animals Less than 100 lbs. Greater than 100 lbs.	\$ 76.70 \$ 25.00 ea. \$ 50.00 ea.
General Refuse First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$ 76.70	General Refuse	\$ 76.70
Inert Material (<i>Ramsey only</i>) First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$ 17.70	Inert Material (<i>Ramsey only</i>)	\$ 17.70
Mixed Demolition First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$118.00	Mixed Demolition	\$118.00
Recycling First 2,000 lbs. Over 2,000 lbs.	Free \$ 11.80	Recycling First 2,000 lbs. Over 2,000 lbs.	Free \$ 11.80
Roofing & Demolished Buildings	\$76.70	Roofing & Demolished Buildings	\$76.70
Tires 8 w/out rims Additional tire w/out rim Tire on rim Oversized tires	Free \$ 5.00 ea. \$ 5.00 ea. See chart	Tires Tires w/out rims Tires on rims + per ton price Oversized Tires (see chart) Per ton price + oversized tire price	\$165.20 \$ 5.00 ea. See chart
Wood Waste First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$ 53.10	Wood Waste	\$ 53.10
Yard Waste First 1,000 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs.	Free \$ 76.70	Yard Waste	\$ 76.70



For Full Fee Schedule:
<https://www.kcgov.us/407/Fees>



RECYCLING AT TRANSFER STATIONS



Newspapers, flyers & junk mail



Magazines, catalogs & phone books



Writing & computer paper



Corrugated cardboard



Boxboard
e.g. cereal, cracker & dinner boxes



Milk jugs



Plastic bottles
e.g. pop, juice, condiment & shampoo bottles



Plastic containers
e.g. butter, mouthwash, detergent, bleach & spray bottles



Aluminum cans



Tin cans
e.g. cat food, tuna, vegetable & soup cans



Lithium Ion, NiCad, NiMH Batteries
e.g. camera, laptop & cell phone batteries



Auto batteries



Used motor oil



Tires
Note: Rimmed tires accrue fees



Scrap metal
e.g. bicycles, appliances, iron & copper



Wood waste
e.g. branches, wooden tables, pallets



Vaping Devices



Plastic bags



Used clothing & textiles
e.g. shoes, purses, belts



Carpet pad



Propane tanks & fire extinguishers

Both transfer stations have green bins and designated areas for each type of recycling available. Recycling collection areas are centrally located within each station, and accessible before and after disposal of general refuse. We ask that all recyclables are properly prepared before being brought to transfer stations. Please rinse all plastic jugs and containers, remove packing and flatten boxes, remove labels and rinse cans, eliminate all forms of liquid in scrap metal when applicable and only donate clean clothing. If any questions or concerns arise, please ask either a scale house attendant or other employee.

SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The cities of Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and parts of Hayden have single stream curbside recycling available to residents through their waste hauler. Curbside recycling is picked up on a designated day every other week, depending on location.

If you have specific questions on recycling or waste hauling, please contact the waste hauler that services your area:

Republic Services (Previously CDA Garbage/PF Sanitation):
(208) 457-1820

Waste Management : (208) 765-4968

YES! You can recycle these!

Clean Paper and Cardboard

Office Paper
Newspaper
Flatbed Cardboard (just 16 inch)
Just Mail & Envelopes
Magazines & Catalogs
Phone Books

Clean Plastic

Wine, no lids or caps
Plastic Jugs
Deposited containers with 2/3 liquid or 1/2

Clean Metal

Aluminum Cans
Tin Cans

NO! These are not accepted!

- No Glass of Any Kind
- Auto, Oil, Grease, Antifreeze, motor oil, coolant
- No Plastic Bags of Any Kind
- No Plastic Urinals
- No Appliances
- No Barbwire
- No Stretched Paper
- No Paper Towels or Napkins
- No Ties or Wood Sheds
- No Washers or Dryers
- No Tires (including No Flat Tires)
- No Food Waste

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Kootenai County provides a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection facility at both of our transfer stations. Each facility allows residents of Kootenai County to drop off up to 10 liquid gallons of HHW per collection day. **This free program is only available to residential customers, NO commercial customers are allowed to use this service.** When bringing in material for hazardous waste drop off, please alert the inbound scale house attendant that you have material to drop off. After arriving at the hazardous waste area, please turn off your vehicle and NO SMOKING. Stay in your vehicle, an attendant will be with you shortly. Be prepared to inform the attendant of the type, quantity and location of the waste within your vehicle. The attendant will remove the hazardous waste from your vehicle.

Examples of common household hazardous waste include: paints, thinners, solvents, cleaning chemicals, acids, pool products, stains, pesticides, matches, herbicides, poisons, gasoline, antifreeze and contaminated motor oil.

Days and Hours of Hazardous Waste Collection:

Ramsey Transfer Station:

Wednesday and Saturday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Prairie Transfer Station:

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.



While in the area, check out our free reuse program. Attendants sort through the material collected in the hazardous waste program and offer up usable material to the general public. You must be at least 18 years of age and sign a waiver to utilize this service. The reuse program operates at the same times as the hazardous waste program at each site.

Prescription Medication

Turn In Program

Prescription medications can be dropped off at local locations in designated drop boxes. Solid Waste only handles over the counter medications, which can go directly into general garbage. Please see the Medication Disposal Flyer for locations



CFC REMOVAL

One of the services that Solid Waste offers to our residential customers is the decommissioning and recycling of household refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. At the end of 2024, Solid Waste had 30 EPA Section 608 Type 1 Certified employees licensed to remove refrigerant from household appliances. On top of these licenses, hazardous materials technicians have additional training in CFC evacuation. In 2024, employees evacuated, collected and shipped refrigerant from 6,072 refrigeration units. After the units have been decommissioned of all their refrigerant, the units are broken apart and the metal shells are recycled. All that we ask from customers, is before the unit is dropped off in our designated refrigeration area, please remove all food items.



Used Sharps

Disposal Program

Used needles must be contained within thick-walled capped plastic jugs with a clearly marked "Used Sharps" label. The containers can be deposited in the bright red bins labeled "Sharps" within the recycling areas at each transfer station.



RAMSEY QUICK DROP AREA

Starting in the spring of 2025, a quick drop area has been opened at the Ramsey Transfer Station to allow residents to bypass long scale-house lines. Complete with full recycling, this area allows residents to drop small loads (approx. 96 gallons or 3 garbage cans) of **BAGGED** trash into the provided dumpsters. This site will be open seasonally (closed during the winter) and is only open to non-commercial Kootenai County Residents. Hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 4:00PM.



RURAL RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SITES

Kootenai County operates 12 rural residential sites for collection of household refuse. The intention of the rural sites is to provide service to those rural areas of the county that do not have private collection or other disposal facilities available locally.

The rural sites are NOT for disposal of any commercial waste. Prohibited materials at these sites include, but are not limited to: yard waste (greater than 3, 32-gallon cans or equivalent), tires, batteries, construction materials, appliances, furniture, carpet, large bulky items, liquid waste, wood or wood products, petroleum products or any other hazardous materials.

The Rural Site System is broken down into three categories:

1. **North Route:** Both north sites are staffed seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Athol site: 7222 E. Howard Rd, Athol— just north of State Highway 54, east of Athol
- Chilco site: 20995 N. Crooked Rock Ln, Rathdrum— Intersection of Chilco/Ramsey Rds.

2. **Southwest Route:**

- Mica Flats site: 6747 E. Kidd Island Rd— adjacent to Worley Highway District Shop
- Sun-Up Bay site: 13284 W. Sun-Up Bay Rd— off of US 95 South
- Worley site: 9725 W. B Street, Worley- off Cave Bay Road

3. **Southeast Route:**

- Blue Creek site: 10632 E. Yellowstone Trail- intersection of Yellowstone and Blue Creek Road
- Wolf Lodge site: 5494 S. Highway 97- intersection of Wolf Lodge Road and I-90
- Rose Lake site: 11631 S. Highway 3, Cataldo- Highway 3 across from Conoco
- Valley Mart site: 31500 S. Highway 3, St. Maries- Highway 3 at Valley Mart store
- East Point site: 45351 S. Highway 97, Harrison— intersection of East Point Rd and Highway 97
- Carlin Bay site: 1784 E. Deer Rd, Harrison— on Carlin Bay Creek Road, ½ mile east of Highway 97
- Harrison Junction site: 45901 S. Highway 3, St. Maries- intersection of Highway 97 and Highway 3

- Limited single stream recycling is also available at the following rural sites:
- Athol
- Chilco
- Mica Flats
- Sun-Up Bay
- Worley
- Rose Lake
- Harrison Junction



FIGHTING CREEK LANDFILL

Kootenai County Solid Waste operates, monitors and maintains both active and closed landfills in Kootenai County. The Fighting Creek Farm Landfill is the department's active landfill. It is located just off Highway 95 approximately 16 miles south of Coeur d'Alene. Fighting Creek Landfill is a fully lined, permitted, environmentally safe facility that meets strict environmental requirements imposed by federal, state and local regulators. Our goal is to maximize the use of the land while minimizing our impact on the environment and protecting the surrounding area. Numerous times yearly, our crew is required to meet stringent quality testing for surface water, ground water, wastewater, air quality, gas emissions and various other required regulations for operation of a tiered landfill. We strive to minimize visual impact for neighbors and visitors of Kootenai County while still efficiently running day to day operations for long term waste handling.

At Fighting Creek Landfill, we are continuously expanding and planning for future growth within our footprint. One of the neat things this allows us to do is to continue to expand fresh water ponds, wetlands, plantings, and habitat areas to increase the wildlife population indigenous to the area. On any given day, we have 5-15 bald eagles flying in the sky along with other birds of prey, dozens of Canadian Geese pairs, various wetland birds, small rodents and groupings of large game.

Beginning in 2010, Kootenai County began a partnership with Kootenai Electric Cooperative to convert captured landfill gas into electricity to power neighboring homes. As of 2014, Fighting Creek Landfill is providing enough gas to generate electricity for approximately 1200 homes, with more future expansion planned.

In addition to our active landfill at Fighting Creek, Solid Waste also maintains and monitors closed landfills. Ramsey Road Landfill is an example of an old landfill, which is now being utilized as Ramsey Park by the City of Coeur d'Alene. Ramsey Park has ball fields, play structures, courts and a gazebo for public to use. This park is a great example of an old landfill that continues to be managed, monitored and safely utilized as a busy recreational area.



One of the numerous crew-made wetlands located at Fighting Creek Landfill

