



# KOOTENAI COUNTY

## SOLID WASTE

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### Solid Waste Update: COVID-19

Kootenai County Solid Waste is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation, following guidance provided by industry experts, and conforming to the Idaho statewide Stay-Home order.

1. Only customers performing essential services should be using our facilities. A list of essential services according to the stay-home order can be found at <https://commerce.idaho.gov/covid-19/>
2. Please refrain from bringing non-essential waste to our facilities at this time. Essential waste is waste that can rot, smell, carry disease or cause other potential hazards within a dwelling. Essential waste does NOT include things like wood waste, furniture, metal, hazmat, or recycling.
3. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, or possible exposure SHOULD NOT enter our facilities.
4. We encourage all customers to utilize their curbside collection to maximum potential and only use our facilities IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
5. All waste should be contained within tied trash bags prior to disposal when possible.
6. Customers should not socially interact with each other or with personnel while utilizing our facilities.
7. Non-essential waste services at our facilities are temporarily limited. Household Hazardous Waste collection has been suspended through the month of April. Recycling is limited to cardboard, aluminum cans and newspaper at this time.

Our primary focus is the safe and efficient collection of waste and disposal. Solid Waste personnel are working altered schedules with changes to many protocols to balance serving the public and limiting their exposure. Our employees have been instructed not to assist with unloading waste, keep distance between themselves and customers, and limit shared resources. Please be aware this will cause delays at our facilities. We appreciate your patience.

Solid waste disposal is an essential service to Kootenai County and we are doing our absolute best to keep our employees healthy and limit the spread of COVID-19 in order to continue providing this service.