



# News Release

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## **New Westside Residential Waste Disposal & Recycling Centre Open**

Residents living on the Westside of Okanagan Lake should be aware of an important change for disposing of any excess solid waste.

The new Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre is now open four days a week for residents wishing to drop off excess garbage, yard and construction white wood, drywall, metals, appliances, tires and other materials accepted at the site of the former landfill on Asquith Road in West Kelowna.

Regional District Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "The new waste disposal facility will be open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7:30 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon for residents who want to drop off extra materials from around their home that they can't place in their curbside containers. Recyclables and unwanted items for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Reuse-it program may continue to be dropped off at the location during the same hours, seven days a week."

All residential materials that have been accepted in the past are still being accepted at the new residential waste disposal and recycling centre. The same tipping fees apply based on weight.

Regional Waste Reduction Office Manager Peter Rotheisler says, "The facilities will continue to act as a convenient drop off disposal location for residents of West Kelowna, Peachland, Central Okanagan West and the Westbank First Nation. The new four day - Friday through Monday operation for drop off of garbage, yard and construction wood and other excess waste materials corresponds with the four busiest days of the week and corresponds with the feedback we received during Information Open Houses we hosted during the spring."

A number of improvements have been made to this temporary location over the past few months. The garbage and drywall disposal areas were expanded to accommodate larger collection bins and more drop off lanes. The areas for yard waste and construction wood waste drop off have been more clearly defined with lock blocks and some of the key access roads have been paved to reduce the impact of dust on adjacent neighbours. Rotheisler adds, "In the months ahead we'll continue to refine and landscape this area."

Today also marks the start of our process to close the Westside Landfill. After today, garbage dropped off at the site will no longer be buried there. Instead, it along with all the other materials collected will be transported off the site for processing. The garbage, yard waste and construction wood will be taken to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill, which will be the only active landfill for the Central Okanagan.

The Regional District's consultant is finalizing the extensive details of a Final Closure Plan for the Westside Landfill. It'll outline ongoing environmental monitoring and responsibilities for the next 25 years. It'll also detail capping, site topography, drainage and landscaping. Once received it'll be presented to the Regional Board for consideration and then will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment for approval.

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