

Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



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This is our monthly update on the operations of the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre and on the progress of the landfill closure.

News and Information

This is the 60th monthly edition of the newsletter. We hope over the past five years that you, our neighbours, have been updated and informed about activities taking place in and around the Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. We thank you for your patience in waiting for information regarding our Final Closure Plan and hope to have more details to share later in the year, once the plan is given the green light by the Province.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your neighbours and encourage new area residents to [sign up](#) for our monthly email distribution!

Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

- The Residential Waste Disposal facility is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. The gate closes at 3:50 pm to permit our last customers to unload materials. All residential loads must be covered during transport to the facility in order to prevent the spread of litter along our roadways.
- West Kelowna, Peachland, Central Okanagan West and Westbank First Nation reserve residents may drop off recyclables at the site seven days a week, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- It's been a very busy summer at the facility. Compared with June, the warmer temperatures seem to have affected the number of people cleaning up big loads of yard waste from around their homes. During June this year, there were more than 5,400 visits to the facility almost 2,500 of them alone were dropping off yard waste. Up to July 28th, staff recorded just over 3,900 overall visitors to the site with 1,585 vehicles heading to the yard waste area.
- Thank you to those neighbours who provided information regarding illegal access points through the perimeter fencing. This cooperation can help us reduce the potential of trespassing, thefts and vandalism at the facility. If you see any suspicious activities or people onsite after hours, please contact RCMP by dialing 9-1-1
- Depending on equipment availability, metal baling may take place later in August.
- You can put your old recyclable deposit beverage containers to use for the Westside Community Foodbank. While at the facility, just drop off any recyclable beer, wine and pop cans, bottles (glass and plastic) and juice tetra-packs. The folks at the foodbank will do all the sorting and the deposit return funds will help families in need!
- Use our online form to report an illegal dump site at regionaldistrict.com/recycle or contact the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250 or email recycle@cord.bc.ca.

Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com - Select Quick Links / Environment – Westside Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre menu option.

Landfill Closure

- Thank you for your concerns regarding irrigation and the trees planted last year in the buffer area adjacent to Alexandria Way. We've had the system checked out to ensure it's working properly and have reburied areas of the system that were pulled out of the ground. Please let us know if you notice anything unusual with the irrigation system. As well, trees that didn't survive have been replaced with new vegetation.
- Some shaping and contouring may take place on the top and sides of the former landfill. As well you may notice more trucks on site delivering suitable soils for use in site grading and the final cover.
- If walking a dog in the buffer area, please remember to treat it as you would your yard. Please pick up any waste deposits. Please ensure your pet is leashed and licensed! Thanks for your cooperation.
- We are still anticipating Ministry of Environment approval this year on our detailed Final Closure Plan. As part of the plan, an updated Landfill Gas Management Plan and an Amending Cover and Sloping Plan have been prepared for consideration and review of the Ministry. Both will be key components of the overall Final Closure Plan. We and our consultants have met many times with Ministry staff and will continue efforts to get final approval on our long-term plan.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we are seeking some amendments that were the result of the landfill closing several years earlier than originally anticipated which reduced the volume of material and traditional sloping that normally is presented to the Ministry for consideration.

Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure

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