

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

Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

- Happy New Year from the facility staff.
- The annual Christmas tree drop off program is underway through January 31st. More than 200 people have already brought in their tree for chipping and free disposal and there will certainly be hundreds more before the end of the month. If the Christmas celebration is done in your household and you're dropping off your family tree for recycling, please make sure that all decorations and tinsel have been removed.
- Wondering what to do with all those recyclable cans and bottles you may have accumulated over the holiday season? 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!
- 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.
- If you see any suspicious activities or people onsite after hours, please contact the RCMP by dialing 9-1-1.
- 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.

Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

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

Landfill Closure

- We've received an indication from the Ministry of Environment that it is preparing to amend the Westside Landfill Operational Certificate PR 12217. This positive consideration comes after discussions between the Regional District, its consultants and staff with the Ministry of Environment regarding a Final Closure Plan and supporting documents that reflect no further discharges to the ground and management of recyclable materials.

Once Final approval is given by the Ministry to the Westside Landfill Closure Plan, we will proceed with scheduling and publicizing an Information Open House to highlight the plan and its key elements.

- We appreciate your continued patience and understanding over the past few years as we have been working to receive final approval from the Ministry. Just a reminder, since the landfill closed several years earlier than originally anticipated, we didn't receive the anticipated volume of material that would have provided sloping that is normally considered by the Ministry in a Final Closure Plan. As a result, we requested amendments to the Final Closure Plan that would take into consideration the existing sloping around the former landfill site.

Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure

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