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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

- The Regional Board has approved tipping fee increases starting January 1st for garbage and other solid waste materials at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. The fee amendments to the Solid Waste Management Bylaw are the same as those that have been approved by the City of Kelowna for the Glenmore Landfill, so waste disposal fees are consistent across the Central Okanagan. As of January 1st, the cost of disposing bagged garbage will rise to \$2.50 per bag (now \$1 per bag) or \$8 up to 250 kilograms (now \$6) or \$65 per metric tonne for loads over 250 kilograms (now \$55). While up to 250 kilograms of yard waste will continue to be accepted without charge, loads greater than 250 kilograms will cost \$40 per metric tonne (\$25 now) and \$65 per metric tonne if material is larger than 20 centimetres in diameter. The last time some of the fees increased at these facilities was 2006. It's the first time the bag and under 250 kilogram garbage disposal fees have gone up since they began during the 1990's. Visit regionaldistrict.com/recycle for more details and information.
- In light of the 2012 tipping fee increases, we anticipate the facility will see a temporary increase in the volume of residential customers dropping off materials to take advantage of the existing lower rates. Please be patient as staff will do their best to provide service to all customers.
- As of October 1st, the facility will no longer take drop offs of small countertop and hand-held household appliances like mixers, toaster ovens and microwaves. These products are now part of the Provincial Small Appliance Disposal Program. Residents on the westside of Okanagan Lake can take these products for disposal to Boucherie Bottle Depot (2711 Kyle Road) or Planet Earth Recycling (2035B Louie Drive). Visit the program website www.cesarecycling.ca for more specific information on products that are accepted.
- Metal baling took place in late-September as equipment and crews were available.
- Please ensure all loads are covered on your drive to the Asquith Road facility. This will prevent any inadvertent roadside littering. As well covering all loads is a bylaw requirement and failing to cover loads could result in a violation fine.
- The Residential Waste Disposal facility is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please remember that residential loads must be covered during transport to the facility. All materials previously accepted when the landfill was open are still being accepted including free disposal of up to 250 kilograms of residential yard waste. Please ensure yard waste does not contain plastic bags, sod, rocks or other non-yard waste contaminants.
- 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.
- Know of an illegal dumpsite...use our online reporting form. You can find it at regionaldistrict.com and Select Quick Links/Environment – Report Illegal Dumping. You may also report any illegal

dumping activities or sites to 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

- In conjunction with the preparation of the Landfill Closure Plan and to address a longstanding concern of some residents, the Regional District, in consultation with Development Services staff at the District of West Kelowna, has decided that effective May 31, 2012, fences will be installed from the existing landfill fence across the buffer area to the property line adjacent to Alexandria Way properties. This will help end any illegal trespassing via the buffer zone by reduce access of motor vehicles, dirt bikes and ATV's to this area of the landfill property, hopefully reducing the potential threat of motor vehicle caused fires and preserving the natural environment. As this area has provided an access for some residents storing their trailers, boats and RV's at the back of their properties, a letter advising of this change has been sent advising that all equipment requiring this access must be removed by the end of May 2012, when the fences will be installed. We trust this eight month advance notice will provide adequate time for making alternate storage arrangements.
- We continue to work with our consultants to develop a Final Closure Plan which must be approved by the Ministry of Environment. A proposed work plan will also be submitted for Ministry consideration. Once the work plan is complete, Environmental Services staff will provide an update and report to the Regional Board and coordinate final filling and grading of the site.
- We remain committed to schedule a public meeting in the future to present information regarding the Final Closure Plan and in particular landscaping and ongoing monitoring components.

Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure or regionaldistrict.com - Select Quick Links and the Landfill Closure menu option.

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