



## December 2011



*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 facility will be closed on Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**
- Metal baling is expected in early December.
- Christmas trees may be disposed of for free in the yard waste section as part of the annual Christmas tree recycling program. The free drop off runs to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- A reminder that **effective January 1<sup>st</sup> tipping fees will increase** for garbage and other solid waste materials at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre and at the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill. The cost of disposing bagged garbage will rise starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Visit [regionaldistrict.com/recycle](http://regionaldistrict.com/recycle) for more details and information.
- Over the next few weeks, 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.
- 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 (**closed Christmas and New Year's Days**). 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. **The Recycling Centre will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**
- Know of an illegal dumpsite...use our online reporting form. You can find it at [regionaldistrict.com](http://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](mailto:recycle@cord.bc.ca).

## Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

- Visit [regionaldistrict.com](http://regionaldistrict.com) - Select Quick Links / Environment – Westside Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre menu option.

## Landfill Closure

- With the favourable weather, most of the landscaping plantings have been completed and drip irrigation lines have been installed along the buffer area adjacent to the back of neighbouring properties along Alexandria Way. Small plants have also been placed along the berm area inside the landfill fencing. In addition, crews removed dead and dying trees along the far west end of the buffer area and conducted fuel modification work. Dogwood Nursery will maintain landscaping in this area through at least 2012.
- **If you are using this area for dog walking please remember that your pet must be on leash and please pick up any 'deposits' left by your pet!**



- During November, as a follow up to the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with Alexandria Way residents, the Regional District sent a letter to property owners backing onto the landfill property buffer area to confirm that courtesy access will continue to be allowed for those residents via the buffer area with the understanding that all personal equipment and vehicles etc. must be removed from the buffer area by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and stored on individual properties. In addition, the letter stated that should there be any future issues and/or change in land-use designation for the landfill property to accommodate any future Park and Open Space that the courtesy residential vehicle access would not be compatible and therefore would not be allowed.
- 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.

## Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit [regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure](http://regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure) or [regionaldistrict.com](http://regionaldistrict.com) - Select Quick Links and the Landfill Closure menu option.

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