

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! The Regional Waste Reduction Office annual free Christmas tree disposal program is underway until January 31st. Trees may be dropped off for free in the yard waste section of the facility. Please remove all plastics, tinsel, ornaments and decorations and lights before putting in the disposal area.
- For the first time in more than 15 years, tipping fees have increased. As of January 1st, the new rate structure is in place for the disposal of garbage and other solid waste materials at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre and at the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill. The additional funds will be used for the planned upgrades at the region's only active landfill. The cost of disposing bagged garbage is now \$2.50 per bag or \$8 up to 250 kilograms or \$65 per metric tonne for loads over 250 kilograms. While up to 250 kilograms of yard waste will continue to be accepted for free, loads greater than 250 kilograms will cost \$40 per metric tonne and \$65 per metric tonne if material is larger than 20 centimetres in diameter. Visit regionaldistrict.com/recycle for more details and information.
- 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. Please ensure yard waste is not contaminated with plastic bags, sod, rocks or other non-yard waste materials.
- 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

- The last remaining new perimeter monitoring well may be drilled on the landfill property this month. Several of these additional wells were installed early last summer in areas that had not been monitored in the past. The new wells will provide a more thorough long-term assessment and monitoring of vapour and other hydrological testing on the site as we move towards final closure.
- 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.

- Alexandria Way residents with properties backing onto the landfill property buffer area are reminded that all personal equipment and vehicles etc. must be removed from the buffer area by May 31st, 2012 and stored on individual properties. While vehicle access to their property will continue to be offered to these residents as a courtesy by the Regional District, any future change in land-use designation for the landfill property may result in a ban on all motorized vehicles in the buffer area.

Landfill Closure webpage

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

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