

# Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



May 2012



*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

- Metal bailing should be complete early in the month.
- Did you know? Any wood materials that have been previously painted, stained or treated must be deposited in the garbage trailer containers and are not allowed to be placed in the waste wood collection area. Our attendants ensure that customers with wood are aware of this source separation requirement.
- 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.
- Use our online form to report an illegal dump site at [regionaldistrict.com/recycle](http://regionaldistrict.com/recycle) or contact 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

- Alexandria Way residents with properties backing onto the landfill property buffer area **must remove all personal equipment and vehicles etc. must be removed from the buffer area by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Any personal property left on the buffer area on June 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed at the owner's expense.** We would appreciate removing these personal materials from the buffer area property at your earliest convenience and if possible, well before May 31st. Notice of the end of May deadline was provided last fall. **In early May, we will be contacting individual property owners affected to ensure their compliance with the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.**
- We anticipate that heavy equipment will be working on the upper landfill surface area during early May in conjunction with the closure plan cover and sloping requirements by leveling existing stockpiled cap/cover soils near the north and east area of the landfill. It's hoped that by doing this work at this time of year, when winds are lower and conditions are wetter that dust issues will be minimized.
- RDCO staff will resume perimeter monitoring and pick up of blowing litter and vegetation.

- After consultation with the District of West Kelowna, we anticipate installing some signs advising that unauthorized vehicle access is not allowed on the buffer area property adjacent to Alexandria Way.
- The 2011 Annual Operations and Monitoring Report is available online (along with previous years reports) on the Landfill Closure webpage: [www.regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure](http://www.regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure) The annual report is a requirement of the Operational Certificate approved by the BC Ministry of Environment. In general, the monitoring results are in line with previous year's low concentrations for ground water, gases and other monitored components and substances and remain below recognized guidelines. Methane concentrations generally during 2011 were lower than in recent years. Testing at one well along the eastern boundary (BH102) were higher when measured in January this year, however they remain well under guidelines and have been historically higher during the winter months. The monitoring program will continue as a requirement of the Closure Plan. Maps showing the well monitoring locations are located on pages 24-25 of the 2011 Annual Report.
- Our engineering consultant has completed drilling the final monitoring test well and installing a ground surface flush mount box on a monitoring well head adjacent to the cul-de-sac.
- With seasonal conditions in place we anticipate receiving and stockpiling of suitable soils for final cover and grading.
- We continue to work with our consultants to develop a Final Closure Plan for consideration and approval by the Ministry of Environment.

#### Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit [regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure](http://regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure)

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**2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunk Sale**

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
8am to noon**

**Okanagan College**  
1000 KLO ROAD (parking lot next to student residence building)  
Event is rain or shine, and admission on sale day is free to the public.

**Unclutter your life!**

Load up your car, truck or minivan with stuff you no longer need, and sell it in the Okanagan College parking lot. Spots are limited, so register now to reserve yours.

For more info, or to register call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at **250.469.6250**.  
For more go to [regionaldistrict.com/recycle](http://regionaldistrict.com/recycle)

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