

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

- 2012 was a busy year for customers and staff at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal facility. A total of 2,610 metric tonnes of garbage was dropped off during the year, down 88 metric tonnes from 2011's figures. While garbage disposal was down, there was much more yard waste passing by the scale house last year. The facility saw 1,912 metric tonnes of yard waste brought in for disposal. That compares with 1,869 metric tonnes in 2011. Last year also saw a decrease in the amount of wood dropped off with 302 metric tonnes brought into the facility compared with 404 metric tonnes in 2011. One major reason for the decrease last year is increased quality control. During 2012, only clean wood was allowed to be dropped off while painted and treated wood was sent to the garbage. In previous years, wood waste was mixed together for disposal.
- Some other interesting statistics: The most garbage was dropped off during April, May and June (Spring Cleaning?) while April and May saw the greatest tonnage for yard waste with more than 647 metric tonnes brought in for disposal during those two months when residents are getting back out into their yards for clean-up. When it comes to clean wood disposal, the two busiest months were July (56 metric tonnes) and December (47 metric tonnes).
- Did you know that refundable beverage containers (pop and beer cans and bottles, wine and liquor containers) can be dropped off when the Waste Disposal facility is open? These donations are sorted and returned for refunds by the West Kelowna Food Bank to provide cash for its food purchases. Thank you for your donation and contributions to help those in need in your community.
- Please do our environment a favour. All residential loads must be covered during transport to the facility in order to prevent the spread of litter along our roadways. Thanks for your cooperation!
- 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.
- 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 or contact 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

- We are hopeful that during 2013 we will receive Ministry of Environment approval on our detailed Final Closure Plan. As part of the plan, an updated Landfill Gas Management Plan and an Amending Cover and Sloping Plan are being prepared for consideration and review of the Ministry. Both will be key components of the overall Final Closure Plan. We and our consultants have met many times with Ministry staff and will continue efforts to get final approval on our long-term plan.
- RDCO staff continues regular perimeter clean-up of blowing litter and vegetation. Please let us know if there are any issues, so that we can resolve them as quickly as possible.

Landfill Closure webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure

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