

Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



December 2013



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 Holidays from the facility staff. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable season with family and friends. Our facility will continue to operate its normal Friday through Monday schedule during the holidays, although the Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st.
- The annual Christmas tree drop off program runs from December 26th through January 31st. If past experience holds, we will have people dropping off their Christmas trees, minus the tinsel, lights and decorations, first thing when we open for business on Friday, December 27th. If you're dropping off your family tree for recycling, please make sure that all decorations and tinsel have been removed.
- 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. All residential loads must be covered during transport to the facility in order to prevent the spread of litter along our roadways.
- 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.
- If you see any suspicious activities or people onsite after hours, please contact the RCMP by dialing 9-1-1.
- 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.

Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

- Visit regionaldistrict.com - Select Quick Links / Environment – Westside Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre menu option.

Landfill Closure

- We appreciate your continuing assistance as neighbours to keep us advised of any breaches in the fence that surrounds the former landfill property. Should you see any suspicious activity or lights within the property at night, please contact the RCMP. If you notice any holes or cuts in the fencing, please contact our office so that we can arrange repairs. Again, thank you for your help!
- We've received an indication from the Ministry of Environment that it is preparing to amend the Westside Landfill Operational Certificate PR 12217. This positive consideration comes after discussions between the Regional District, its consultants and staff with the Ministry of Environment

regarding a Final Closure Plan and supporting documents that reflect no further discharges to the ground and management of recyclable materials.

Once Final approval is given by the Ministry to the Westside Landfill Closure Plan, we will proceed with scheduling and publicizing an Information Open House to highlight the plan and its key elements.

- We appreciate your continued patience and understanding over the past few years as we have been working to receive final approval from the Ministry. Just a reminder, since the landfill closed several years earlier than originally anticipated, we didn't receive the anticipated volume of material that would have provided sloping that is normally considered by the Ministry in a Final Closure Plan. As a result, we requested amendments to the Final Closure Plan that would take into consideration the existing sloping around the former landfill site.

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