



Regional Waste Reduction Office

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Frequently Asked Waste/Garbage Questions – White Rock Lake Fire

Please Note: The North Westside Transfer Station is only open to RDCO residents, property owners and tenants. The following information is for these residents only. For residents outside the Regional District of Central Okanagan please contact your local government.

How can I dispose of garbage and recycling?

Residents should take photos and notes regarding materials they are throwing out including spoiled food waste. Speak with your insurer before discarding any items.

The North Westside Transfer Station will be open daily from 8 am until noon during the month of September only for RDCO residents, property owners and tenants. There will be no limits placed on the volume of household waste you can dispose of at the Transfer Station during this time. Hazardous materials and demolition waste such as wood from damaged structures or burnt vehicles cannot be accepted at the transfer station. For other disposal options visit rdco.com/recycle To accommodate the extra material at the site, the site will be closed in the afternoons to deal with the morning's waste and ensure it gets to landfill before the end of the day. This well-used site must be managed for space to ensure it can accept the extra material coming in.

How do I dispose of a refrigerator or freezer?

Residents are asked to confirm with their Insurer before disposing of fridges or freezers. Once collected, they cannot be returned.

Curbside pick-up of ruined fridges and freezers is available during the first week after evacuation orders lift for each area. Call **1-855-238-9350** to schedule your curbside pick up.

For those unable to coordinate during this time, call the RDCO recovery office at **250-469-6111** after Monday September 6th to be provided with location for a free drop off. Please note the [Glenmore Landfill](#) will not receive refrigerators or fridges containing food waste.

How do I dispose of a damaged RV or travel trailer?

Work with your insurer first. Take photos and notes to provide to them. Your insurer can best help you and potentially pay for disposal costs and provide options.

Recreational vehicles (RVs), 5th wheels and travel trailers or any other motorized vehicles need to be disassembled before being brought directly to the [Glenmore Landfill](#). Once disassembled the non-metal and non-hazardous materials can be brought to the Glenmore landfill. Metal and batteries can be brought to a metal scrap yard for recycling and contact the RDCO Waste Reduction Office for oil and gasoline disposal. Work with a hazard assessment team to determine how the unit can be safely disassembled and brought off your property.

How do I dispose of a damaged boat?

Work with your insurer first. Take photos and notes to provide to them. Your insurer can best help you and potentially pay for disposal costs and provide options.

Similar to RVs, the motor, battery and other hazards must be removed to allow the fiberglass or wood body be brought directly to the [Glenmore Landfill](#). Boats hulls should be delivered after 3 pm and must be able to be tipped at the landfill active face. Anyone needing to dump at the active

face must have steel toed footwear and hi vis vests. Metal components and batteries can go to a metal scrap yard. Contact the RDCO Waste Reduction Office for oil and gasoline disposal. If a hazard assessment team is already assisting you with other debris management on your property then work with them to see how the boat can be disassembled and brought off your property.

Can I bring wildfire debris to the Transfer Station?

Before disposing of any goods damaged by a wildfire check with your insurer first. Take photos and notes to provide to them. Your insurer can best help you and potentially pay for disposal costs.

The North Westside Rd and Trader's Cove Transfer Stations are set up to receive bagged waste and non-burnt yard waste. For the month of September the [North Westside Rd Transfer Station](#) is open additional hours. These transfer stations cannot take building materials or large appliance or furniture that cannot fit in a bag.

The [Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre](#) (2640 Asquith Road, West Kelowna) can accept clean large appliances (with no food within) and furniture but does not take electronics, small appliances or building materials. For more information on where to take materials for recycling contact the RDCO Waste Reduction Office at recycle@rdco.com or 250-469-6250.

How do I dispose of concrete?

Concrete can be broken down and brought to the Glenmore Landfill in 2 feet chunks and have minimal re-bar. The landfill will charge \$25 per tonne. Before re-using concrete as structural fill, check with local government and provincial restrictions on the use of concrete as fill for the accepting property.

How do I dispose of ash?

Any burnt material must be allowed to cool for at least 1 week before being disposed. Small amounts of ash can be bagged and brought to local transfer stations.

How do I dispose of damaged structures?

Work with your insurer first. Structures can contain hazards like asbestos and qualified professionals and certified haulers may be needed to arrange demolition and disposal. Check the [Glenmore Landfill](#) directly if bringing in burnt building materials as special procedures may be required.

How do I dispose of contaminated soil?

Check with your insurer as they can sometimes cover the assessment and disposal of contaminated soil. Contaminated soil needs to be assessed by an authorized professional and the required testing must be completed. Once the assessment is complete the authorized professional can determine what facilities can accept the soil based on the contaminants.

How do I dispose of bulky wastes?

Wastes disposed of at the [Glenmore Landfill](#) active face must be less than two meters (approximately six feet) in any direction. Exceptions to these size limits are couches, box springs, hot tubs (up to six-person sized), logs, dimensional lumber larger than 4x4s, decks and docks (maximum four foot length). Haulers are required to meet the landfill's Person Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements to off-load this at the active face (minimum of high visibility vest and steel toed boots, safety glasses, gloves and hard hat recommended) and must be able to tip and unload the waste from the vehicle in under 10 minutes. Landfill equipment isn't available to assist in unloading bulky wastes.

Please visit the RDCO webpage for [waste transfer station](#) locations for more information on materials that are accepted. For additional resources on returning home, please visit www.cordemergency.ca/ resources.