

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

- It's anticipated by mid-April, a new safety railing will be installed in the garbage transfer bin area and existing blocks will be removed to permit closer access and easier unloading for customers, which has been the most common complaint from facility customers.
- Here are the materials (in metric tonnes) transferred from the Westside Residential Waste Disposal facility during the first six months of operation:

Month	Garbage	Yard Waste	Wood
July	129	309	196
August	284	126	18
September	223	147	63
October	233	110	113
November	159	208	50
December	11	0	0

- Traffic volume varied from more than 400 customers per day to less than 100.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was established between the Regional District and Bylands Nursery to ensure yard waste is being disposed of in the most cost effective and environmentally responsive way – reducing transportation costs that would be required to dispose of collected yard waste at the Glenmore Landfill.
- RDCO is paying full tipping fees to the City of Kelowna for waste transferred to the Glenmore Landfill and the City of Kelowna was reimbursed in full for the rate reduction it granted the Regional District in early 2010.
- Facility attendants have made load monitoring a priority to ensure residents are diverting as much recyclable material as possible. Non compliance will result in a \$150 per metric tonne surcharge. This is also being conducted at the Glenmore landfill.
- Overall, users were very positive about the service level offered and the four day a week operating schedule.
- A new online reporting form is available to report illegal dumping and dumpsites. You can find it on the [Regional District website regionaldistrict.com](http://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.
- 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. All materials previously accepted when the landfill was open are still being accepted including free disposal of up to 250 kilograms of residential yard waste. Please ensure yard waste dropped off for disposal does not contain plastic bags, sod, rocks or other non-yard waste contaminants.
- 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.

Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

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

Landfill Closure

- The 2010 annual Landfill Monitoring Report has been received and is available on the Landfill Closure webpage. No unusual conditions or variations were identified by the consultant report.
- Suitable soils to establish final grades and contours during the closure process are being stored behind the recycling area until the road surface allows truck access. As they are available, soils from the excavation at the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion will continue to be trucked to the property.
- We anticipate receiving the Final Closure Plan during 2011 for Regional Board consideration. Ministry of Environment approval is required for the Final Closure Plan.
- We expect to schedule a public meeting in the future to present information regarding the Final Closure Plan and in particular landscaping and ongoing monitoring components.

Landfill Closure webpage

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

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