

# Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



**April 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**

- As anticipated, the warm weather has resulted in more visitors hauling (covered of course!) yard waste for free drop off at the facility. Just a reminder that up to 250 kilograms of yard waste can be dropped off without any charge. Loads that weigh more are charged at a rate of \$40 per metric tonne. As April and May are the busiest months for all material drop offs, please be patient as our staff process customers through the weigh scale. Those that are dropping off under 250 kg. of yard waste (no charge) can bypass the weigh scale on their way out!
- Late last year we mentioned the furniture deconstruction pilot project that was underway at the facility. The program has been so successful, that it is continuing through the rest of the year. During the days that the facility is closed (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) furniture such as mattresses, box springs, sofa beds, office chairs and dinette sets are taken apart and separated into items that can be recycled like clean wood and metals rather than taking up space in the garbage. We have been averaging about 40 items a week for deconstruction although the last week saw double that! The program reduces transport costs, not to mention the associated environmental and social impacts, tipping fee costs and diverts material from the landfill while improving resource recovery and helps to increase the revenue we generate from scrap metal.
- A friendly reminder that 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](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**

- With seasonal conditions returning there may be some shaping and contouring taking place. This work could begin in late April or early May. Once again, suitable soils may be received and stockpiled for use in site grading and the final cover.

- Facility staff continues regular perimeter clean-up of litter. If there are any issues please let us know so that we can resolve them as quickly as possible.
- We are still anticipating that during the year 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 have been 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.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we are seeking some amendments that were the result of the landfill closing several years earlier than originally anticipated which reduced the volume of material and traditional sloping that normally is presented to the Ministry for consideration.

### **Landfill Closure webpage**

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

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