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Mixed Waste Tipping Fees Increase

Mixed waste tipping fees will increase in the Central and West Subregions as of April 1, 2017.

For the West SubRegion, mixed waste tipping fees have been increased \$5.00/tonne (\$2.00/m³) to \$90.00/tonne (\$22.00/m³). The facilities affected by this increase are: Ootischenia and Nakusp landfills, and Rosebery, Slocan, Burton, and Edgewood transfer stations.

For the Central SubRegion, mixed waste tipping fees have been increased \$15.00/tonne (\$4.00/m³) to \$100.00/tonne (\$24.00/m³), aligning with current tipping fees at Grohman Narrows Transfer Station. The facilities affected by this increase are: Balfour, Central (Salmo), Kaslo, Marblehead, and Ymir transfer stations.

Tipping fees for compacted waste, controlled waste, asbestos, bulky waste, noxious weeds which have not been source separated, and reusable products have also increased accordingly.

There have been no changes to tipping fees for the East Subregion landfill and transfer stations located on the East Shore and in the Creston Valley.

“The RDCK Resource Recovery program relies primarily on both tipping fee revenue and tax requisition to maintain our network of facilities and services”, says Ann Bunka, Chair of the RDCK Joint Resource Recovery Committee. “In determining a balance between these two primary sources of funds for waste and recycling services the RDCK Board must consider many different financial, environmental, and practical factors.”

The RDCK promotes a ‘User Pay’ principle for setting tipping fees. ‘User Pay’ is more fair and transparent and places the cost burden of waste disposal on those who place the greatest demands on the waste system. As well, it provides greater financial incentives for waste diversion and reduces the need to support Resource Recovery services through taxation.

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