

# **FLATHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**POLICY TITLE:** SOLID WASTE DISTRICT CONTAINER SITE OPERATING POLICY

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2013

**SOLID WASTE BOARD ADOPTED DATE:** August 27, 2013

**LAST REVISED DATE:** June 26, 2018

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the rules and operational policies for container sites within Flathead County operated by the District.

## **SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to all FCSWD employees and citizens of Flathead County who utilize the container sites.

## **CONTAINER SITE RULES/OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

- SITES ARE FOR USE BY FLATHEAD COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD WASTES ONLY.
- NO COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL WASTES ARE ACCEPTED AT CONTAINER SITES.
- ITEMS MAY BE NO LARGER THAN 40 in X 40 in AND MUST NOT PROTRUDE OUT OF CONTAINER OR WEDGE INTO CONTAINER.
- TIRES, FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, OVERSIZE WOOD PRODUCTS, STUMPS, OIL, TRUCK TOPPERS OR ANY OTHER OVERSIZE WASTE IS PROHIBITED AT THE CONTAINER SITE.
- RESIDENTIAL WASTES THAT ARE LARGE OR OVERSIZED THAT DO NOT FIT IN THE CONTAINERS MUST BE HAULED DIRECTLY TO THE LANDFILL. EXTREMELY HEAVY WASTES, SUCH AS BROKEN CONCRETE OR ASPHALT SHINGLES, PRODUCED BY A CITIZEN MUST BE HAULED DIRECTLY TO THE LANDFILL.
- TOILETS, SINKS, MICROWAVES, PLASTIC TUB DISHWASHERS AND T.V.'s THAT MEET THE 40 in REQUIREMENT ARE ALLOWED IN THE CONTAINERS.
- MAXIMUM OF THREE OR FEWER 33 GALLON PLASTIC BAGS OF LAWN CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, OR BARNWASTE ARE ACCEPTED. LOOSE CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, BARNWASTE, GREEN WASTES, BRUSH, STUMPS AND LIMBS MUST BE HAULED TO THE LANDFILL EXCEPT FOR LIMBS AND BRANCHES THAT ARE NO MORE THAN SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER AND CUT IN LENGTHS OF 40 in OR LESS. THIS MATERIAL MUST BE BROKEN DOWN TO A LEVEL THAT THEY DO NOT FILL UP A LARGE AMOUNT OF AIRSPACE IN THE CONTAINERS. BRANCH DISPOSAL SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO OR LESS THAN THE THREE 33 GALLON PLASTIC BAGS REFERENCED ABOVE.
- METAL RECYCLING AREA IS FOR APPLIANCES AND METALS ONLY.

- ALL HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE PROHIBITED AT THE SITES.
- MOTOR OIL, GAS, DIESEL, ANTIFREEZE AND TIRES AS WELL AS COMPRESSED GAS/PROPANE TANKS WITH HAND VALVES MUST BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE LANDFILL.
- ALL ACCEPTABLE WASTES MUST BE PLACED IN THE CONTAINERS. PLACING IT ON OR NEAR A CONTAINER OR THROWING WASTE ON THE GROUND IS LITTERING (COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 8 APPLIES). THIS IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE UP TO \$200.
- ENTRY TO A SITE ANY TIME OTHER THAN OPERATING HOURS IS TRESPASSING AND IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.
- SALVAGING OR SCAVENGING OF ANY MATERIAL AT ANY TIME IS PROHIBITED.
- ALL RECYCLING SERVICES AT THE CONTAINER SITES ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY (NO COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS USE).
- CONTAINER SITES ARE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK (EXCEPT ESSEX SITE) WITH HOURS OF OPERATION DETERMINED BY THE SOLID WASTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HOURS ARE POSTED AT EACH SITE.
- ALL CONTAINER SITES THAT ARE GATED OR STAFFED ARE CLOSED ON DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS DETERMINED BY THE SOLID WASTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- EXPLOSIVES OR FIREARM AMMUNITION IS PROHIBITED AT ALL CONTAINER SITES.
- REMOVING METALS OR DISMANTLING APPLIANCES IN THE RECYCLE AREA BY CITIZENS IS PROHIBITED AND SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.
- ALL MATERIALS OR WASTE DISPOSED AT THE CONTAINER SITES BECOMES PROPERTY OF FLATHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT.
- INDECENT EXPOSURE OR URINATING ON OR AROUND CONTAINERS OR ANYWHERE ON PREMISES IS PROHIBITED AND SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.
- CAR BATTERIES (12 OR 6 VOLT) ARE ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING. ALKALINE BATTERIES (AAA, AA, C, D & 9 VOLT) ARE DISPOSED OF IN THE CONTAINERS. BATTERIES THAT ARE RECHARGEABLE OR NI/CAD ARE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
- ITEMS SUCH AS DOORS, PALLETS, SMALL QUANTITIES OF LUMBER, , PLYWOOD OR DRYWALL THAT MEET THE 40 in X 40 in MAXIMUM DIMENSION REQUIREMENT CAN GO IN THE CONTAINERS AND NOT FILL MORE THAN ONE CONTAINER.
- VERBAL ABUSE: USING THREATENING, PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS A VIOLATION OF MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED 45-8-101. DISORDERLY CONDUCT; A VIOLATION PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

SITE HOURS: BIGFORK, COLUMBIA FALLS, CORAM, CRESTON, LAKESIDE, LANDFILL, SOMERS AND WEST CORRIDOR – 8-5 7 DAYS PER WEEK. OLNEY, 8-5 5 DAYS PER WEEK (CLOSED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)  
EAST CORRIDOR (ESSEX) MAY – JAN 5<sup>TH</sup>, 9–6 SUN, TUES & THURS.

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