



Kootenai County Solid Waste Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

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As an essential infrastructure component, Solid Waste will continue to function as effectively as possible during the COVID-19 crisis for the patrons of Kootenai County.

An essential part of operating a Solid Waste department relates to the health and safety of our staff and the general public. While the coronavirus situation is still very fluid, we are continuing to put our best foot forward by reviewing and updating our operation procedures to be the least impactful to all parties involved while also being as safe as the situation allows. To help in this continued effort, our temporary recommendations to all the patrons who visit one of our Solid Waste sites include:

- Bag your garbage if possible. Bagged garbage reduces exposure to all personnel.
- Utilize your curbside collection service to maximum potential. Please avoid excessive trips to the transfer station. We understand some patrons do not have curbside collection and some items cannot be collected within that program, and we will continue to offer the best service possible to the public at our collection sites.
- If you are sick with any ailment, please stay home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When in public, try to maintain a social distance of at least six feet from others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away (we know where you can dispose of tissues 😊). If you do not have a tissue, use your elbow.
- Practice good personal hygiene.
- Avoid non-essential contact with our crew members and other public members while utilizing our services. This also applies to our administration office.

Our department has made many proactive changes to try to limit exposures and we will continue to adapt as the situation evolves. Some services may be interrupted or temporarily postponed if we believe it is in the best interest for the department and the public. We will continue to monitor the status of Kootenai County, State of Idaho, and Federal recommendations on how we can do our part in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spreading further.

Please continue to check back on the website or on Facebook for status updates on our many services offered at Solid Waste. We appreciate your help in following the outlined recommendations so we can continue to offer our services to the great patrons of Kootenai County.