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West Coast Tipping Fee Increase

New garbage rates to come into effect November 1, 2019 for West Coast

New rates approved by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) board this summer - raising landfill tipping fees in the district by \$10 per tonne and bag fees by \$1 per bag, with a \$6 minimum - are set to come into effect on November 1 this year.

The new West Coast Tipping Fee and Regulation Amendment Bylaw reflects the district's need to cover increasing operational costs and to discourage people from bringing garbage in from out of region. Over the past year, ACRD staff consulted with local haulers, and the Board of Directors explored funding options before coming to their decision to increase tipping fees.

"With annual inflation and increased requirements for environmental monitoring, a rate increase is necessary to continue to operate the landfill properly," says Jenny Brunn, Manager of Operations for the ACRD. *"The new rates are in line with our neighbouring landfills in Nanaimo and Cumberland which both have tipping fees of \$130/tonne."*

In addition to increasing rates, the bylaw amendment will also ban rope and netting from disposal. *"We receive a lot of rope and netting at the West Coast Landfill,"* she explains. *"Working with our partners we have worked on a solution to recycle these materials."* The rope and netting can still be brought to the landfill for a fee of \$120/tonne where it will be stored and sent for recycled.

A copy of Bylaw R1033 WC Landfill tipping fees is available on the ACRD website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/west-coast-landfill>.

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