

News Release – Tipping fee increase & FAQ

Headline: New garbage rates to come into effect November 1, 2019

Sub: District landfill tipping fees raised but still less than neighbouring regions

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 two-bag minimum - are set to come into effect on November 1 this year.

The new Alberni Valley 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.

"The rate per bag had not increased since 1995," says Jenny Brunn, Manager of Operations for the ACRD. "With annual inflation and increased requirements for environmental monitoring, a rate increase was necessary to continue to operate the landfill properly. We feel the new rates are in line with, or less than, neighbouring landfills and there is still no site fee to use the recycling or yard waste services."

The changes include:

- Tipping fee rates increasing from \$120 per tonne to \$130 per tonne.
- For residents who self-haul, the rate increases from \$2 per bag to \$3 per bag, with a \$6 minimum charge.
- Any volume of yard waste or recyclables can be brought for free at any time.

These fees are equal to or less than neighbouring landfills, which charge \$130 per tonne and have \$8 - \$10 minimum fees.

The decision to have a \$6 minimum has registered some concern, admits Brunn, but it was made to discourage high traffic volumes at the landfill.

"Our goal is to encourage less frequent trips and shorter line-ups," she explains. "We are working on solutions to resident concerns, such as helping them keep garbage from attracting wildlife or partnering with a neighbor to share the minimum cost or two-bag requirement."

For more specific information and details about the rate increases please visit "Tipping Fee Bylaw Frequently Asked Questions" <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill>

For current information and updates over the coming months, please check the [ACRD website](#) as well as the monthly "[Around Our Region](#)" board report.

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