



Tipping Fees Increase (May 22, 2018) Frequently Asked Questions

The following are frequently asked questions directed at the Sunshine Coast Regional District from members of the public who are customers of the Sechelt Landfill and/or Pender Harbour Transfer Station and who want more information on why tipping fees are increasing effective June 1, 2018 for certain materials.

Q. Why are the landfill and transfer station tipping fees increasing for select materials?

A. Effective June 1, 2018, landfill tipping fees will increase for commercial green waste, mattresses and boxsprings, propane tanks, roofing and clean wood. The tipping fees are listed at www.scrd.ca/disposal-fees

Updates to the tipping fees are required on occasion to cover the increases to the direct operating costs for either recycling or disposing materials brought to the Sechelt Landfill or Pender Harbour Transfer Station. Tipping fees were last increased in 2013.

All the materials listed above are hauled off-site for recycling or have extra processing costs such as valve removal for propane tanks.

Q. Won't the SCR D see an increase in illegal dumping of these materials once the fees are increased?

A. The majority of residents living in the SCR D make the time and effort to dispose of or recycle their materials responsibly and do *not* illegally dump.

Illegal dumping is caused by a number of factors and may include avoidance of paying landfill tipping fees, driving distance to a disposal facility, low awareness of the environmental impact of illegal dumping and social/emotional factors (e.g. a major life event such as eviction, divorce, legal issues). It is important to know that in areas of British Columbia with low or no tipping fees, illegal dumping still occurs.

Q. Why has the commercial green waste tipping fee doubled at the landfill and transfer station? Are there other options for disposing commercial green waste on the coast?

A. The increase of the tipping fees are necessary to ensure costs for transportation and processing are covered. Previously the transportation costs were not included in the tipping fee.

Commercial green waste is also accepted at Salish Soils in Sechelt at \$47/tonne. Please visit the [Salish Soils website](#) for more information.

Q. Why is there now a small fee for camping-sized propane tanks? These were previously accepted for free.

A. All propane tanks of any size brought to the Sechelt Landfill and Pender Harbour Transfer Station must first be de-valved prior to being placed in the scrap metal bin for recycling. De-valving is to ensure the tanks are safe to recycle. The fee helps cover this cost.

Q. What is the difference between a 'wet' mattress and a 'surface wet' mattress?

A. A 'wet' mattress is considered to be one that is soaked through with liquid. A 'surface wet' mattress is one that is lightly wet on top, and not wet throughout the mattress.

The mattress recycler charges more to recycle wet mattresses and the tipping fee is increasing to cover this cost.

Plastic wrap can be used during storage or transport to keep mattresses dry. The plastic wrap does not need to be removed.

Have further questions about the tipping fees?

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