



News Release

Tipping Fee Increases at the Sechelt Landfill

Sechelt, BC—July 15, 2021—At the July 8 Regular Board meeting, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board adopted an amendment to Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1994. The amended bylaw will result in a significant increase in the tipping fee for gypsum and smaller increases for materials such as tires. The new tipping fees will be effective on August 1.

“The SCRD Board support a user pay system, where the tipping fees fund the full costs of materials that are diverted for recycling,” says Robyn Cooper, Manager, Solid Waste Services. “The disposal cost of gypsum has increased substantially in recent years and the increased tipping fee is required so that these costs are paid by the individuals disposing of the material and not taxpayers.”

The tipping fee for gypsum (with test results showing no asbestos) will be increased to \$1,000 per tonne. This fee is to help fund the costs of asbestos testing each load before it leaves an SCRD site as well as fund any abatement costs. In 2021 alone, the SCRD has paid \$126,000 to have contaminated gypsum abated.

Proper testing and these additional measures will help keep our staff and community safe from potential exposure to asbestos. The requirements for accepting gypsum at our sites will remain the same. For more information about gypsum and asbestos visit, www.scrd.ca/asbestos.

The tipping fees for appliances containing ammonia, and passenger and medium truck tires are also increasing to fund the full costs for recycling and transportation of these materials

Tires with rim removed can be dropped off at no cost throughout the Sunshine Coast as part of Tire Stewardship BC’s Program. For locations visit, <https://tsbc.ca/recycle-your-tires/>.

The following table outlines the changes:

Material	NEW Fee as of August 1, 2021	Previous Fee
Tipping Fee Change		
Gypsum	\$1,000 per tonne	\$290 per tonne
Appliances Containing Ammonia	\$80 per unit	\$30 per unit
Tires		
Passenger – rim removed	\$5.00 per unit	\$3.00 per unit
Passenger – on rim	\$10.00 per unit	\$8.00 per unit
Medium Truck – rim removed	\$20.00 per unit	\$18.00 per unit
Medium Truck – on rim	\$42.00 per unit	\$36.00 per unit
Tires filled with foam	\$18.00 per unit	Not previously accepted

The SCRD has been engaging with contractors and waste disposal companies in the Region to make them aware of the upcoming changes. If you have questions about these changes please contact 604-885-6806 or infrastructure@scrd.ca

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