

Mandatory Recyclable Materials Policy

Policy Overview

To prevent hazardous waste and recyclable materials from being improperly disposed of Stswékstem Engineered Waste Management Facility is implementing a new Mandatory Recyclable Materials Policy. This update aligns with provincial regulations and strengthens our commitment to environmental stewardship.

This new policy will be provided to all customers through direct communication and signage at our facility. Details will be included the facility's Operations Plan and actively enforced by the Site Supervisor, equipment operators and scale house attendants.

This policy mirrors Amendment Bylaw No. 2829, adopted by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), which bans certain recyclable materials from landfill disposal. It applies to all solid waste disposal facilities within the TNRD, including City of Kamloops landfills and privately owned facilities. Similar bylaws are already in place in most regions of BC.

Under this policy, the following materials are designated as Mandatory Recyclable Material and must be recycled:

Volume-Based Threshold (Not to Exceed 10%)

- Old Corrugated Cardboard
- Residential Packaging and Printed Paper
- Refundable Beverage Containers

Per-Unit Based Threshold (Any Amount Prohibited)

- Antifreeze and Antifreeze Containers
- Batteries, including Lead-Acid and Household Batteries
- Electronics and Electrical Products, including Metal Household or Commercial Appliances
- Flammable Liquids and Solvents
- Fluorescent Lights
- Gasoline and Diesel
- Mattresses and Box Springs*
- Oil, Oil Filters, and Oil Containers
- Pharmaceutical Products and Medications
- Propane Tanks
- Residential Pesticide Products
- Thermostats
- Tires

*Mattresses, box springs, and propane tanks are expected to be formally added to the Recycling Regulation by the Province of BC.

Fines for Non-Compliance

A surcharge will be issued to the individual or company delivery waste materials to the Stswékstem Engineered Waste Management Facility if the volume exceeds the allowable threshold for the Mandatory Recyclable Materials Policy.

For corrugated cardboard, residential packaging & printed paper, and refundable beverage containers, surcharge will be based on load size and charged at 50% of the disposal fee. For example, if a load costs \$80.00 in disposal fees, the surcharge would be \$40.00 and charged to the waste hauler. For all other Mandatory Recyclable Materials, surcharge will be issued on a per-unit basis at \$50/unit.

Surcharge for Mattresses

Until the Province of BC implements a proper stewardship program for mattress recycling, Stswékstem will apply a surcharge of \$25 per mattress upon check-out at the scale. This surcharge covers the shipping and handling costs required to transport mattresses to an appropriate recycling facility. The surcharge will be applied directly to scale tickets upon check-out.

To avoid surcharge and contribute to responsible waste management, we encourage all customers to take proactive steps in working with waste haulers and utilizing available recycling programs.

