

Changes to DLC, Household Waste Tipping Fees



Eco-Depot Weigh Scales

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District is raising tipping fees for household refuse as well as demolition, land-clearing and construction (DLC) waste effective January 2015 at all waste facilities in the TNRD.

The fee increases are in step with the user-pay principle adopted in the TNRD Solid Waste Management Plan. These changes will move costs away from the taxpayer and towards the user. The new fee structure creates incentives for customers to divert materials away from landfills.

The new rates are as follows:

Household Refuse	\$80/tonne (\$1/per bag)
Comingled DLC	\$160/tonne
Clean Wood Waste	\$100/tonne
Contaminated Wood Waste	\$100/tonne
Concrete & Asphalt	\$100/tonne
Asphalt Shingles	\$100/tonne

New minimum charges on scales

Also in effect as of January 2015, any amount of household garbage under 50 kg will again be charged by the bag because of Weights and Measures Canada regulations. The set rate **under 50 kg will be \$1 a bag, up to \$4**. Any amount greater than 50 kg will be charged at the \$80/tonne rate.



Typical building and disposal areas at an Eco-Depot

FAQs About Changes to Tipping Fees

Q: How do the new tipping-fee rates break down per pound/kilogram?

A: Material	\$/kilogram	\$/pound
Refuse (non-DLC)	\$0.08/kg	~4 cents/pound
Comingled DLC	\$0.16/kg	~8 cents/pound
Wood Waste	\$0.10/kg	~5 cents/pound
Concrete & Asphalt	\$0.10/kg	~5 cents/pound
Asphalt Shingles	\$0.10/kg	~5 cents/pound

Q: I bring in my household garbage on a regular basis, how much will this cost me?

A: On average, each TNRD household generates 750 kg of household waste a year. At the old rate of \$60/tonne, that amount of material cost \$45 for the year, or \$3.75 a month. At the new rate of \$80/tonne, 750 kg of waste will cost \$60 for the year, or \$5 a month, amounting to an average increase of \$15 over the year.

Q: How can I reduce my fees?

A: 40 to 60 per cent of household waste is recyclable and 30 to 40 per cent is compostable. Recycling and composting cost no money and help lower household garbage costs.