



## How Do We Prevent Illegal Dumping?

## Waiving Tipping Fees



The RDN wants to support your community clean-up by providing free disposal at the Regional Landfill or Church Road Transfer Station.

To have your tipping fees waived - apply to the RDN at least five business days before your community clean-up with the following details by Ph: 250-390-6560 or Email: [zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca)

- Your organization's name (if applicable)
- Contact person first and last name
- Contact person phone number
- Contact person email address
- Date of the clean-up event
- Location of the clean-up event
- Location of material drop off (Cedar Landfill or Church Road Transfer Station)
- Vehicle description and license plate of the vehicle dropping off the material

Strategies to prevent illegal dumping focuses on making it difficult for people to dump material illegally and encouraging residents to bring waste to the appropriate location. Many illegally dumped items are free or low cost to recycle or dispose of at local depots.

Pursuant to RDN Bylaw No. 1386, those who generate (own), deliver or abandon waste illegally can be subject to a fine of up to \$200,000.

### How to Report if you Witness Illegal Dumping

Help combat illegal dumping by observing, recording and reporting. To report illegal waste disposal anywhere in British Columbia, please call the Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line Toll Free: 1-877-952-7277 Cell Dial: #7277



## Community Clean-Up Events

A guide to organizing safe community clean-up events including waived tipping fees.

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# Organize a Community Clean-Up



**W**aste that is dumped illegally can have serious effects on the environment and reduce community enjoyment in using public spaces. The majority of illegal dumped items can be recycled for free, or disposed at a low cost.

## What Can You Do to Help?

Organize a community clean-up event! Big or small, a community clean-up is a great way to demonstrate pride in your community, connect with your neighbours, inspire others to stop dumping waste illegally, and keep our region's lands and waters clean and healthy.

## Before the Event

- Contact the landowner to receive permission to do the clean up.
- Conduct a site survey to identify potential hazards and types of materials.
- Contact RDN Solid Waste Services to have your tipping fees waived.

## Day of the Event

- Orientate volunteers to the clean-up site.
- Whenever possible, separate recyclables from garbage for easy drop-off.
- Haul the materials to the pre-arranged RDN Disposal Facility - Ask the scalehouse for the final tonnage to know how much you c
- Take pictures of your efforts, share them on social media and tag the RDN!



# Clean-Up Safety

## General Guidelines

- Stick to a defined cleanup location.
- Have a set work period, including check-in times if working for a longer period of time.
- Work in pairs.
- Ensure minors are supervised by adults.
- Watch for vehicles and walk facing traffic.
- Avoid the use of headphones.
- Use safe lifting practices for heavier items.
- Know where the first aid kit is located and keep a list of emergency numbers close at hand.

## Hazards to Consider


- Busy roads or excessive traffic.
- Fast flowing or deep water.
- Steep banks, drops, and large holes.
- Metal, wood waste, and yard/garden waste.
- Bulky and heavy objects.
- Broken glass and other sharp objects.
- Animal carcasses, excessive animal waste.
- Syringes and drug paraphernalia.
- Hazardous waste: contact the RDN for safe disposal.



## Safe Sharps Disposal

If you come across needles, syringes or sharps, please contact Island Health for more information on how to dispose of these items safely.

 [islandhealth.ca](http://islandhealth.ca)

 1-866-770-7798



## Basic Supplies for a Safe Clean-Up

- First Aid kit
- Garbage bags
- Cut-resistant gloves
- High-visibility safety vest
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Sturdy closed-toed shoes (no sandals)
- Garbage pickers and/or shovels
- Vehicle for hauling clean-up materials
- Rigid container(s) for sharps and other hazardous items