



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
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New Commercial Cardboard Service for Small Businesses

The Campbell Mountain Sanitary Landfill (CMSL) will now accept all clean commercial cardboard free of charge. Prior to the implementation of this program RDOS Landfills only operated free recycling depots for residential customers. This program assists small to medium sized businesses by providing a free place to recycle their cardboard.

In late 2008 the price for recyclables dropped to historic lows. In response several recycling companies in Penticton stopped accepting cardboard for free at their facilities. This affected many small and medium businesses in Penticton that utilized this service and do not have access to commercial cardboard pickup.

Don Hamilton, RDOS Solid Waste Facilities Coordinator, believes this is a necessary service for the business community in Penticton.

“Many small businesses have stated that they cannot afford or they don’t have space available to rent a cardboard bin,” said Hamilton. “We do not allow cardboard to be buried in the landfill. By providing a free cardboard depot at the landfill we can offer businesses a viable option that maximizes our recycling program.”

Residents or businesses with large volumes of cardboard will be inspected at the entrance of the CMSL. Free commercial cardboard bins are available in the interior of the landfill. The residential recycling depot at the immediate entrance will remain off limits to large volumes of cardboard. Landfill staff will direct customers to the proper drop off locations.

The Campbell Mountain Landfill is located on Reservoir Road about 5 minutes drive from downtown Penticton on the way to Naramata. The landfill is open 7 days per week from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm. For more information please contact the RDOS Solid Waste Department at 250-490-4129, e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca or visit www.rdos.bc.ca.

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