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King County Rural Dropbox
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King County
Solid Waste Facilities
Welcome to the Skykomish Drop Box
Fact Sheet

Overview: The facility was built in 1980 on a seven-acre property, which provides for a buffer between the facility and the railroad on the north side, a residential neighbor on the east side, King County Roads field office on the west, and a small help pad and Old Cascade Highway on the south side. It includes a partially fenced no-fee recycling area and a fenced solid waste disposal area with two top-loading drop boxes, each with two stalls. For access to the disposal area, customers use the self service payment kiosk that accepts prepaid cards or credit cards. The station services residents and businesses from the Skykomish area.

Location: 74324 NE Old Cascade Hwy, Skykomish, WA 98288.

Hours of operation:
Winter: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Summer: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (2nd Sunday in March until 1st Sunday in Nov).
Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.
Note: No cash or checks. Maximum load size accepted at Skykomish is three cubic yards or one ton.

What happens to the waste? The waste is transported by a private commercial hauler in drop boxes from Skykomish to the Houghton Transfer Station, 56 miles away. From there, waste is transported by county employees to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

What happens to recyclable materials? Recyclable materials are separated by type and distributed to local, national or international markets for processing into recycled content products.

Notable features:
- It is the most remote solid waste facility operated by King County and is unstaffed. Cameras are used to monitor activities, and King County staff makes regular visits to the site to perform maintenance. In addition, employees from the King County Road Services Division facility next door help monitor the site.
- The facility received a new roof in 2008 after the old roof collapsed under record snowfall in January of that year.
Welcome to Cedar Falls Drop Box
Cedar Falls Drop Box

Fact Sheet

Overview: Built in 1990, the facility occupies seven acres of land and is adjacent to the closed Cedar Falls Landfill. The facility includes a no-fee recycling area, a scalehouse, and three top-loading drop boxes with two stalls each. One of the drop boxes is designated for yard waste. The station services residents and businesses from the North Bend and Snoqualmie areas.

Location: 16625 Cedar Falls Rd SE, North Bend, WA 98045

Hours of operation:
- Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tues & Thurs: Closed
Note: Maximum load size accepted at Cedar Falls is three cubic yards or one ton.
Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

What happens to the waste? The waste is transported by a private commercial hauler in drop boxes from Cedar Falls to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 22 miles away.

What happens to recyclable materials? Recyclable materials are separated by type and distributed to local, national, or international markets for processing into recycled content products. Reusable materials (textiles) are donated to local non-profits.

2014 at a glance
- Who are the customers? Self-handling customers.
- Tons of solid waste disposed: 3,576. This constitutes less than 1 percent of solid waste at all King County transfer stations.
- Total customer visits: 19,413
- Recycling services provided:
  - Cardboard
  - Textiles
  - Yard waste
  - The following can be combined in the large blue “Recyclable Materials” containers:
    - Paper, including office paper, junk mail, envelopes, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper
      food boxes, cartons such as milk, juice and broth cartons, paper cups, shredded paper if
      securely tied in clear plastic bags, and hard and paperback books
    - Aluminum and tin/steel cans
    - Glass bottles and jars
    - Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, pots, food containers, clamshells, trays
    - Large plastic or steel/lin lids (3 inches or more)
- Recyclable materials must be empty (no liquids) and clean (no food).

Recycling Totals:

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Advantages of rural drop box location

- Location for communities that would otherwise be under served
- Opportunities to educate our customers
- Recycling Services
- Communities appreciate service being available
- Partnership with King County Roads
Challenges of Rural Location

• Customers exceeding load limit
• Little to no control of materials coming into the facility. Hazardous waste, bio waste, car parts, etc.
• Not Staffed, No Compaction
• Lack of availability of transportation
• Outside of county/contractors C &D
• Securing of Facility
• Maintenance
Improvements/Question

- Upgrade Camera System
- Upgrade point of entry
- Staffing Considerations?
- Add scale?
Protecting our Precious Environment is Job #1!

Skykomish River

Rattle Snake Lake

The closest neighbors to our rural drop boxes are very important!