

Transformation is underway at Hartland Landfill this 2024

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Groundbreaking changes started in January at Hartland Landfill aimed at reducing the amount of waste residents and businesses are throwing in the garbage. Tipping fee adjustments, material bans, and increased fines have been designed to reshape our region's approach to waste disposal. Combining these changes has the potential to divert 40,500 tonnes of waste per year, aligning with the Solid Waste Management Plan goals to reduce the region's waste by more than one-third and extend the life of Hartland Landfill to 2100 and beyond.



A crucial step in the waste reduction strategy involved banning clean wood that has not been painted or treated, such as pallets and lumber cut-offs, from the garbage. Instead of getting buried with the garbage, clean wood is now being transferred offsite for recycling or energy recovery. If residents and businesses would like to bring clean wood to Hartland, it must be separated from their garbage. We still encourage everyone to reuse, give away, or sell clean wood before bringing it to Hartland, where they will pay a reduced tipping fee of \$80 per tonne.

In addition to the reduced tipping fee for clean wood, the general refuse tipping fee has increased from \$110 to \$150 per tonne. This measure aims to incentivize waste reduction and proper waste disposal practices, as nearly half of waste sent to Hartland Landfill can be recycled.

We understand change can be hard sometimes and time to assimilate the changes may be needed, which is why Bylaw staff will focus on education and issue warning tickets before issuing fines as residents and businesses adapt to these new changes.

Further material bans and changes will come into effect later in 2024, including new processes for treated wood, salvageable wood, carpet, underlay, and asphalt shingles as they will all be banned from being accepted at the landfill as garbage. There will be a new process where they will be accepted as segregated materials at a reduced tipping fee, similar to what is already happening with clean wood.

To learn more about these changes, and what you can do to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill, visit www.crd.bc.ca/rethinkwaste. For more about Hartland Landfill, visit www.crd.bc.ca/hartland.