



PRRD ILLEGAL DUMPING (LITTERING) POLICY

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy is to establish clear objectives for addressing improper disposal of waste at PRRD facilities and to ensure a consistent and prompt response from PRRD.

2. Scope

2.1 The PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy will apply to all users of PRRD facilities as defined within the PRRD Facility Inspection Policy 0340-79 and include disposal by all users and operators.

2.2 This policy does not cover illegal dumping that occurs on private, provincial or federal lands.

3. Definitions

3.1 **Hazards** means any source of regular defect, maintenance issues, or safety concern that has the potential to damage, harm or lead to adverse health effects on something or someone.

3.2 **Facility** means any building, structure or lands which the Regional District owns, leases, tenures or operates to deliver a service and may include such uses as solid waste sites, parks, community halls, fire halls, office buildings, recreational facilities and lands, wastewater infrastructure, potable water infrastructure, and other capital infrastructure.

3.3 **Littering** means the disposal of waste outside of a designated disposal receptacle, disposal of waste into a receptacle that is intended for a specific material or illegal depositing of waste materials in unauthorized locations at PRRD facilities.

3.4 **Illegal dumping** means the disposal of waste outside of a designated disposal receptacle, disposal of waste into a receptacle that is intended for a specific material or



illegal depositing of waste materials in unauthorized locations, such as crown land or private property or in an unauthorized fashion.

- 3.5 **Receptacles** mean any bins onsite for the collection and temporary storage of waste or recyclables such as 6-yard bins, roll off bins, curbside containers, or mega bags.
- 3.6 **Waste** means any material, substance, or byproduct that is no longer needed, wanted, or usable in its current form and is discarded or intended for disposal and originates from residential or Industrial, Commercial, or Institutional sources.

4. Policy Statement

- 4.1 The PRRD provides residents with opportunities to dispose of **waste** in a safe and controlled manner throughout the region.
- 4.2 Every person disposing of **waste** at a **facility** shall deposit the **waste** in the appropriate **receptacles**.
- 4.3 **Waste** placed outside of, on the ground or outside, a **receptacle** is considered **illegal dumping** or **littering**.
- 4.4 Results of **littering** or **illegal dumping** include:
 - a) Increased **hazards** to individuals in or around disposal sites.
 - b) Increased **hazards** to individuals collecting, transporting, and disposing of waste.
 - c) **Hazards** from unidentified aerosols, leachate, or sharp objects.
 - d) Increased attraction of animals and insects attracted to **waste** that may transfer disease or act aggressively towards users.
 - e) Environmental impacts, including contamination of streams, rivers, soil, and groundwater.
 - f) Damage to wildlife habitats and increased risks of forest fires due to hazardous materials.
 - g) Decreased **waste** diversion from PRRD landfills.
 - h) Increased haulage and processing costs.
 - i) Encouragement of further **littering** or **illegal dumping** by subsequent users.
- 4.5 Monitoring
 - a) PRRD performs monthly inspections of transfer stations and landfills as per the PRRD Facility Inspection Policy 0340-79.
 - b) PRRD contractors participate in monitoring our sites through operations of **facilities**.
 - c) Reported instances of **littering** and **illegal dumping** will be tracked by PRRD staff.



- d) The PRRD may employ various methods such as the use of video cameras or security personnel to monitor **facilities** outside of operating hours.

4.6 Reporting

- a) The PRRD encourages community engagement in reporting **littering** incidents at PRRD facilities. Citizens are urged to report **littering** on PRRD property to (250) 784-3200 or send an email to Environmental.Services@prrd.bc.ca.
- b) Citizens experiencing or witnessing **illegal dumping** on private property or crown land are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the Report All Poucher and Polluters (RAPP) line 1-877-952-7277.

4.7 Response

- a) When instances of **littering** and/or **illegal dumping** are reported, PRRD staff will record the date and location of the event.
- b) Littered materials will be investigated, collected and disposed of by the PRRD or designated contractors.
- c) PRRD will implement educational programs and signage to inform the public about the consequences of **littering** and promote proper **waste** disposal practices.
- d) The PRRD will share incidents of **littering** on site specific signage boards and social media to inform the public about the challenges of keeping facilities clean and reminders of the proper use of the **receptacles** and **facilities** provided.

4.8 Enforcement

- a) Identified or reported **littering** may be investigated to determine the person(s) responsible.
- b) Under local Bylaw enforcement, individuals found littering face fines from \$500 up to \$2,000.
- c) PRRD **facilities** and programs that experience continual instances of **littering** will be evaluated for determination of on-going delivery. Through these evaluations, the PRRD may close **facilities** or programs.
- d) When the PRRD receives reports of **illegal dumping** on Provincial, Federal, or private lands, the PRRD will report the incident to the RAPP line.

Affiliated Policy	PRRD Facility Inspection Policy 0340-79
Affiliated Procedure	