



WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY

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The Summit County Waste Facility (i.e. the landfill) has been a County operation for almost three years. During that time, we have charged people a double fee for uncovered trash and in the process informed these people what is required to avoid the double charge. Hopefully, this short write up will bring some clarity to what needs to be done to avoid a double charge when bringing trash to the landfill.

The intent of this regulation is to insure that trash does not fall or blow out of your vehicle during any portion of your trip to the landfill including all roads leading to the landfill and the roads within the landfill. Debris coming off an uncovered trash load is a hazard to the driving public. Therefore, covering your trash load at the bottom of Landfill Road may allow you to avoid a double charge, but you probably created a driving hazard on the highways. Also, you may get pulled over by the police and charged with littering, which could cost you up to \$1000.

Here are some other examples of how not to bring trash to the landfill:

- Bagged trash is not covered. It needs to be secured with either a tarp or close-knit netting. Having the tailgate open doesn't help either; the bags can fall off the back end even with a tarp or netting.
- Trash in a garbage can is not covered. The lids need to be secured with latches or bungee cords and the cans secured to the vehicle. The cans must be covered with a tarp if the cans do not have lids.
- Scrap lumber and other wood waste covered with a big piece of plywood doesn't cut it. Put a tarp over it to make sure the smaller pieces don't fall out. It is especially critical with this type of material that the tailgate is closed to avoid small pieces falling out. We have had numerous cases of a long trail of lumber, usually with nails, leading up to the landfill and into the landfill.
- The cushions from sofas and stuffed chairs can be seen all along the roads. When you bring these items up, make sure the cushions are either inside the vehicles or they are secured in such a way that they will not fall out of the vehicle. The furniture also needs to be secured so it will not fall out of the vehicle.
- Tarps flapping like superman's cape don't help the cause. Secure the entire perimeter of the tarp.

In short, make sure that all loads you bring to the landfill are covered and secured to avoid landfill personnel having to charge you double the normal tipping fee. Understand that there are no exceptions. Also by doing this, you help to eliminate the potential of any debris falling out and creating a hazard to the rest of the driving public.

Finally, call us at 468-9263 if you have any questions about how materials should be covered and secured before you bring them to the landfill.