



## Frequently Asked Questions Sechelt Landfill and Pender Harbour Transfer Station Tipping Fee Changes

### Q: What are the new tipping fees?

Material	NEW Fee as of February 26, 2021	Previous Fee
<b>Tipping Fee Increase</b>		
Cardboard	\$285 per tonne	\$150 per tonne
Metal – Scrap and White Goods	\$150 per tonne	\$70 per tonne
Propane Tanks up to 1lb (camp size)		
Up to 1 lb (camp size)	\$2.00 per unit	\$0.50 per unit
Over 1 lb up to 25 lbs	\$10.00 per unit	\$2.00 per unit
Over 25lbs up to 100lbs	\$10.00 per unit or \$150 per tonne	\$5.50 per unit or \$70 per tonne
Gypsum	\$290 per tonne	\$265 per tonne
<b>Tipping Fee Decrease</b>		
Metal with Freon (fridges and freezers)	The greater of \$30 per unit or \$150 per tonne	\$40 per unit or \$115 per tonne

### Q: Why do tipping fees increase?

Similar to many other local governments, the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) Solid Waste Management Plan and the SCRD Board support a user pay system, where the tipping fees fund the full costs of materials that are diverted for recycling. As the transportation and recycling costs increase, unfortunately, so does the tipping fee associated with the materials.

A tipping fee analysis report that incorporates recent contract updates and changing costs was provided to the SCRD Board at the November 19, 2020 Infrastructure Services Committee meeting. This report can be found via this [link \(Annex E\)](#).

### Q: Why are there tipping fees for some materials and not others?

Tipping fees are how the SCRD funds the cost of recycling, disposal and site operations. The cost of some materials is covered by provincial Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs. These programs, like the one available at the Sechelt Landfill for paint recycling, is paid for by the producers of paint so that the SCRD does not have to pay for having the material transported or recycled.

**Q: Is there anywhere else I can take cardboard?**

Yes. There are no changes to residential cardboard recycling on the Sunshine Coast and residents can continue to use one of the three SCRD recycling depots or, if you reside in Sechelt, the curbside blue bin. The SCRD depots are GRIPS in Pender Harbour, Salish Soils in Sechelt and Gibsons Recycling Depot in Gibsons. For more information about what is accepted for recycling at the depots, visit [www.scrd.ca/recycling-depots](http://www.scrd.ca/recycling-depots).

As per the BC Recycling Regulation, commercial or private businesses are not permitted to use the SCRD recycling depots. It is up to the business sector to haul their cardboard to the Sechelt Landfill or Pender Harbour Transfer Station or procure a collection service for cardboard.

If cardboard is mixed in with a load of garbage, then the tipping fee will be double the highest tipping fee applicable to the load. For example, the charge will be 2 x \$285 (tipping fee for cardboard), making the entire load a total of \$570 per tonne with a \$10 minimum. This is the process for all listed recyclable or controlled materials as per SCRD Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405.

**Q: Why can't I bring my cardboard to the depot as a business?**

As per the BC Recycling Regulation, commercial or private businesses are not permitted to use the SCRD recycling depots.

**Q: What if I bring my garbage in cardboard boxes?**

Residents may choose to continue to bring their garbage in cardboard boxes, but you will be required to empty your garbage from the box. You can then either recycle the cardboard box, or take it home to reuse.

**Q: Is waxed cardboard recyclable?**

No, waxed cardboard is not recyclable and is disposed of as garbage.

**Q: What do I do if I have a mixed load of garbage and cardboard?**

If you are not able to separate out your cardboard from the garbage yourself there is a \$10 minimum for non-separated loads. All loads containing non-separated controlled waste or recyclable materials will be charged a tipping fee which is two times the regular fee of the most expensive material in the load. This fee will be charged for the entire load.