

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

SOLID WASTE BYLAW NO. 2469, 2025

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PARCEL TAX AND FEES AND CHARGES IN RELATION TO MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES

WHEREAS Council wishes to minimize the cost and environmental impact of Solid Waste management by requiring Solid Waste to be separated before disposal;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to minimize human and wildlife conflicts by reducing, to the greatest extent possible, the likelihood of Solid Waste being stored or disposed of in a manner that might reasonably be expected to attract Dangerous Wildlife;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

CITATION

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Solid Waste Bylaw 2469, 2025" (Bylaw).

GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION RULES

2. If any section or portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid the invalid portion should, to the greatest extent possible, be severed and the rest of the Bylaw saved.

3. In this Bylaw, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Banned Materials" means Solid Waste that is listed as Banned Materials in Schedule B;

"Biosolids" means waste resulting from the process of wastewater treatment which separates the solid precipitate (sludge) from the liquid supernatant;

"Clean Land Clearing Wood Waste" includes material produced from the removal of trees due to site alterations or land clearing, such as:

- a) leaves;
- b) small branches;
- c) large branches;
- d) tree trunks;
- e) clean stumps.

but does not include:

- a) dirt or rocks associated with a land clearing project; or,
- b) material generated by RMOW community forest management programs.

"Clean Wood" means;

- a) most wood products, but must not be treated, painted, stained, glued,

- soiled, and/or laminated;
- b) engineered beams;
- c) non-laminated engineered wood;
- d) plywood; or
- e) kiln-dried or heat treated pallets;

“Composting” means the controlled biological oxidation and decomposition of organic matter;

“Contamination” means unwanted constituents within a specified waste stream;

“Dangerous Wildlife” means dangerous wildlife as defined in the *Wildlife Act*;

“Detached Dwelling” means a residential building containing not more than one principal Dwelling Unit;

“Duplex” means a residential building consisting of two principal dwelling units placed one above the other or attached side by side;

“Dwelling Unit” means a self-contained suite with a set of habitable rooms in a building;

“EPR Items” means items that are part of an Extended Producer Responsibility product stewardship program and governed by the Recycling Regulation;

“Food Scraps” includes bits or pieces of food including meat, fish and bones, coffee grounds and tea bags, wood stir sticks and chopsticks, houseplants, and flowers (with soil removed);

“Food-Soiled Paper Products” means paper products that have come into contact with liquid, or solid food waste, making them unsuitable for traditional recycling such as paper napkins and paper towels, food-soiled cardboard, and food-soiled paper tableware;

“General Manager” means the person responsible for the management of the infrastructure services division of the RMOW and their designate;

“Hazardous Waste” means hazardous waste as defined in the *Hazardous Waste Regulation*, as amended or updated from time to time;

“ICI” means Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional and includes but is not limited to operations such as restaurants, hotels, stores, offices, hospitals, schools, and other similar operations;

“Invasive Species” means any species listed as an “alien invasive species” in the *Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation*;

“Landfill Waste” means any material that is not suitable for reuse, composting or recycling programs and for which there is no opportunity for resource recovery, and which must be disposed of in a landfill in accordance with the terms of this Bylaw;

“Landfilled Construction and Demolition Waste” includes but is not limited to Solid Waste originating from construction, renovation, or demolition projects, and which is not suitable for reuse, recycling, or composting, such as:

- a) asphalt shingles;
- b) carpet;
- c) tar roofing paper; or
- d) vinyl siding;

“Mixed Containers” includes but is not limited to:

- a) aluminum foil;
- b) cartons;
- c) empty aerosol cans;
- d) metal packaging containers;
- e) non-compostable hot and cold beverage cups; or
- f) plastic packaging containers;

“Mixed Waste” includes but is not limited to any load, collection, or other volume of Contamination from a single Solid Waste category that is comprised of 25% or more of waste from one or more waste categories of the total load amount; and will be charged the Banned Materials surcharge fee, as set out in Schedule D of this Bylaw;

“Multi-Family Residential Complex” means a residential building or collection of buildings containing two or more principal dwelling units;

“Municipal Depot” means a waste and recycling depot owned by the RMOW, which as of the date of adoption of this Bylaw are located on Nesters Road in Nesters Exchange and on Lynham Road in Function Junction;

“Organics” includes but not limited to compostable material derived from living plants and animals, such as the materials listed as Organics in Schedule A, but specifically excludes fats, oils, and greases;

“Paper and Packaging Recyclable Material” means all materials in Schedule 5 (Packaging and Paper Product Category) of the Recycling Regulation;

“Parcel” means any lot, block or other area in which land is held or into which it is subdivided, but does not include a highway;

“Recyclable Gypsum Board” means a panel made of calcium sulfate dihydrate with or without additives and does not contain asbestos;

“Recyclable Material” includes but is not limited to raw or processed material that can be recovered from a waste stream and can be transformed into new products or raw materials for further use, such as the materials listed as Recyclable Material in Schedule A of this Bylaw;

“Recycling Regulation” means the *Recycling Regulation, BC Reg 449/2003*;

"Refundable Beverage Container" means any beverage container which may be returned for a refund stipulated under the Recycling Regulation;

"Reusable Wood" means dimensional lumber, off-cuts, pallets, or plywood that is not treated, painted, stained, glued, soiled, and/or laminated;

"RMOW" means the Resort Municipality of Whistler;

"SLRD" means the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District;

"Solid Waste" includes but is not limited to any discarded or abandoned materials in solid or semi-solid form or nature such as Recyclable Material, Organics, and Landfill Waste;

"Solid Waste Management Plan" means a plan which explains how solid waste will be managed on a Parcel, at a food service business, or at a Special Event;

"Special Event" includes a sporting, cultural, business, or other type of unique activity, occurring for a limited or fixed duration;

"Treated Wood and Wood Products" includes but is not limited to wood that is:

- a) treated, painted, stained, glued, soiled, and/or laminated;
- b) oriented strand board (OSB), fibreboard, particleboard, chipboard;
- c) made of cedar such as, shingles, shakes, decking, fencing, and sidings;
or
- d) contaminated by other unacceptable materials.

"Unsecured Load" means a load that is not securely covered or tied down, or otherwise contained, to prevent the loss of waste from the vehicle during transport;

"Used Residential Gypsum Board" means gypsum board that may contain asbestos, transported from a residence by the owner or occupant, and contained within two clear polyethylene bags of minimum six (6) mil thickness.

"Waste Hauler" includes but is not limited to an individual or business that collects and disposes of Solid Waste and carries out related duties, in exchange for a fee or other consideration;

"Whistler Transfer Station" means the waste transfer station located on the Brandywine Forest Service Road 15 km south of Whistler Village;

"Wildlife Attractant" means any substance that could reasonably be expected to attract wildlife;

"Wildlife Proof Container" means a fully enclosed container, of sufficient design and strength to prevent access by Dangerous Wildlife;

"Wildlife Proof Enclosure" means a structure which has enclosed sides, a roof, doors and a self-latching mechanism of sufficient design and strength to prevent

access by Dangerous Wildlife, that is designed and constructed in accordance with specifications for a RMOW standard Solid Waste Wildlife Proof Enclosure;

“Wood Chips” means wood that includes Clean Land Clearing Wood Waste and Yard Waste that has been processed through a chipper or mill such as:

- a) bark;
- b) sawdust;
- c) planer shavings;
- d) wood chunks and fines.

“Wood Waste” means Clean Wood, Reusable Wood and Treated Wood and Wood Products;

“Yard Waste” includes plant matter that is generated from landscape maintenance but does not include Invasive Species.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4. The following schedules shall be attached to and form part of this Bylaw:
 - a) Schedule A – Classification of Materials
 - b) Schedule B – Banned Materials
 - c) Schedule C – Fees for Biosolids Processing and Solid Waste Depot Operations; and
 - d) Schedule D – Tipping Fees.
5. The following persons may enter onto any Parcel, at all reasonable times, to ascertain if there is compliance with this Bylaw:
 - a) A RMOW staff member;
 - b) A Bylaw Officer; or
 - c) An agent on behalf of the RMOW.
6. A person shall not do the following:
 - a) Prohibit, interfere with, hinder, or obstruct a person identified in Section 5 from carrying out their duties under this Bylaw;
 - b) Refuse to provide information to a person identified in Section 5 investigating a potential violation under this Bylaw;
 - c) Interfere with or attempting to obstruct a Bylaw Officer conducting an enforcement action;
 - d) Provide false or misleading information to a person identified in Section 5; or
 - e) Fail to cease any activity or conduct in contravention of this Bylaw when directed to do so by a person identified in Section 5.
7. A person who violates or fails to comply with this Bylaw or an order, direction or notice given under this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

8. Each day during which an offence under this Bylaw shall constitute a new and separate offence.

GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

9. A person shall not dispose of Solid Waste in the RMOW, unless the Solid Waste originates within the boundaries of the RMOW or unless the General Manager has given authorization to dispose of the Solid Waste.
10. A person responsible for a site that is used for filming, a catered event, or a construction site must ensure the following:
- a) The site must have designated stations for the separation and disposal of all Recyclable Material, Organic Material, and Landfill Waste expected to be generated on the site;
 - b) The designated stations must have signage that complies with the standardized Solid Waste signage guidelines adopted by the SLRD for all Solid Waste containers and receptacles; and,
 - c) Wildlife Attractants must be properly managed and disposed of in a designated Wildlife Proof Container or Wildlife Proof Enclosure or must be physically attended to at all times.
11. A person shall not dispose of or deposit Solid Waste originating from a residential or ICI Parcel into a Solid Waste container or receptacle that:
- a) Is owned or operated by the RMOW; and
 - b) Is located in a public place other than:
 - i. A Municipal Depot, for residential Solid Waste;
 - ii. The Whistler Transfer Station for residential or ICI Solid Waste; or
 - iii. A location designated by the product stewardship program for EPR Items.
12. A person shall not dispose of Recyclable Material except:
- a) In a container, receptacle, or other location labelled and designated for the Recyclable Material; or
 - b) In the manner prescribed by the product stewardship program for EPR Items;
13. A person shall not dispose of Organics except in a container, receptacle or other location labelled and designated for Organics.
14. A person shall not dispose of Landfill Waste except in a container, receptacle or other location labelled and designated for Landfill Waste.
15. A person shall not dispose of Hazardous Waste except:
- a) In accordance with the applicable provincial regulations in effect at that time;
 - b) In a container, receptacle or other location labelled and designated for Hazardous Waste;

- c) In the manner prescribed by the product stewardship program for EPR Items.
- 16. A Waste Hauler shall not dispose of Solid Waste at a Municipal Depot unless the General Manager has given the Waste Hauler authorization to do so.
- 17. A person may deposit Solid Waste generated in the RMOW at a Municipal Depot if the person lives in a Detached Dwelling, Duplex or Multi-Family Residential Complex that has been charged the Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee set out in Schedule C of this Bylaw.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

- 18. A person who delivers a load of Mixed Waste to the Whistler Transfer Station shall pay an additional Banned Materials Surcharge tipping fee in addition to the Landfill Waste tipping fee.
- 19. A person shall not dispose of large items that do not compact efficiently except at:
 - a) the Whistler Transfer Station; or
 - b) a location approved by the General Manager.
- 20. A person shall not dispose of Construction and Demolition Waste or Wood Waste except at:
 - a) The Whistler Transfer Station; or
 - b) A location approved by the General Manager.
- 21. A person shall only dispose of Reusable Wood at the Whistler Transfer Station if:
 - a) the sizing and quality requirements align with the standards visually posted at the Whistler Transfer Station; or
 - b) the Reusable Wood is approved by the General Manager.
- 22. A person shall not dispose of gypsum board at the Whistler Transfer Station except under the following conditions:
 - a) Is disposed as Recyclable Gypsum Board in a container, receptacle or other location labelled and designated for Recyclable Gypsum Board and with certified documentation that it was:
 - i. Manufactured after 1990 with proof of manufacturing date; or
 - ii. Tested and found not to contain asbestos;
 - or
 - b) Is disposed as Used Residential Gypsum Board in a container, receptacle or other location labeled and designated for Used Residential Gypsum Board and is contained and disposed of within two clear six mil polyethylene bags in accordance with information provided by the RMOW on drywall disposal and WorkSafe BC work practices for handling asbestos.
- 23. A person shall not dispose of mattresses except by delivering the mattresses to

either the Whistler Transfer Station to a maximum of five mattresses per month per Parcel or to a mattress recycling facility.

24. A person shall not dispose of Mixed Containers or glass containers unless the container is empty and rinsed, and with the lids removed.
25. A person shall not dispose of Invasive Species except in a container, receptacle, or other location labelled and designated for Invasive Species or Landfill Waste.
26. A person shall not dispose of Yard Waste except in a container, receptacle, or other location labelled and designated for Yard Waste.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

27. The following persons shall submit a Solid Waste Management Plan:
 - a) A person who provides food services when applying for an RMOW business license;
 - b) A person who is hosting a Special Event when applying for a Special Event permit; or
 - c) A person applying for a rezoning permit or a development permit for a major renovation of a multi-family or commercial property.
28. A person who submits a Solid Waste Management Plan shall include the following information:
 - a) A description of how the Solid Waste Management Plan complies with the Bylaw;
 - b) A description of how the person will manage Solid Waste generated on a Parcel in terms of separating, storing, and disposing of Solid Waste; and
 - c) A list of the measures to be used to reduce the generation of Solid Waste.
29. A person shall not dispose of Solid Waste except in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Plan associated with the Parcel or Special Event.

SOLID WASTE STORAGE, SIGNAGE AND TRANSPORT

30. An owner or an occupier of a Parcel shall ensure that any Wildlife Proof Container or Wildlife Proof Enclosure located on the Parcel is kept and maintained:
 - a) in a clean and sanitary condition;
 - b) in a closed and secure manner when Solid Waste is not being deposited or removed; and
 - c) in good working order.
31. Each property or Parcel shall comply with the following requirements:

Requirement	Use of the Property		
	Multi-Family Residential Complex of 11 or Less Dwellings Units	Multi-Family Residential Complex of 12 or More Dwelling Units	ICI
a) Separate collection for disposal of: i. Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper Products ii. Paper and Packaging Recyclable Materials; and iii. Landfill Waste	Yes	Yes	Yes
b) Provide a Wildlife Proof Enclosure of a size suitable for the amount of Solid Waste generated for a Parcel of that size or use	Choose to either (a) Provide a Wildlife Proof Enclosure or (b) Pay the annual Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee in Schedule C	Yes	Yes
c) Ensure all Banned Materials are managed correctly	Yes	Yes	Yes
d) Install and maintain signage	No	Yes	Yes

32. If a Multi-Family Residential Complex of 12 or more Dwelling Units cannot satisfy the requirement pursuant to Section 31(b) of this Bylaw and was constructed in 1981 or prior, then the people living in the Multi-Family Residential Complex can deposit waste at the Municipal Depot and each Dwelling Unit in the Multi-Family Residential Complex will be charged the Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee, as per Schedule C of this Bylaw.
33. If a person is required to install signage pursuant to Section 31(d), the person shall comply with the standardized "Recycling Signage & Colour Scheme" guidelines adopted by the SLRD for all Solid Waste containers and receptacles.
34. A person entering the Municipal Transfer Station with an Unsecured Load shall be charged an additional fee, as per Schedule D of this Bylaw for conveying an Unsecured Load. This fee will be added to the total cost charged to dispose of the load.

WILDLIFE ATTRACTANTS

35. A person shall not do the following:
- a) Cause, permit, or allow any Wildlife Attractant to be stored, kept, or otherwise remain outside on a Parcel or premises except in a Wildlife Proof Container or Wildlife Proof Enclosure;
 - b) Provide, leave, dispose of, or place a Wildlife Attractant in, on, or about any Parcel, or premises which may attract or be accessible to

Dangerous Wildlife;

- c) Install or keep a bird feeder on a Parcel or premises unless the bird feeder is inaccessible to any animal other than a bird; or
- d) Feed Dangerous Wildlife.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES AND CHARGES

- 36. All Parcels will be charged an appropriate Biosolids Processing Fee as prescribed in Schedule C to this Bylaw.
- 37. Detached Dwellings, Duplexes, and approved Multi-Family Residential Complexes will be charged the appropriate Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee as prescribed in Schedule C to this Bylaw.
- 38. Deliveries of Solid Waste to the Municipal Transfer Station or to the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant will be charged tipping fees as prescribed in Schedule D of this Bylaw.

BYLAW, LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES CHANGES

- 39. If any legislation, guidelines, or bylaws referred to in this Bylaw, including provincial or federal statutes and regulations, regional district bylaws and guidelines, and RMOW bylaws are amended, repealed and replaced, or otherwise updated, the most current version is deemed to be in effect.

REPEAL

- 40. "Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2139, 2017" and all amendments thereto be hereby repealed.

GIVEN FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READINGS this 10 day of June, 2025.

ADOPTED this 24 day of June, 2025.



J. Ford,
Acting Mayor



Pauline Lysaght,
Corporate Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of "Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2469, 2025".

SCHEDULE A

Classification of Materials

Landfill Waste	Paper and Packaging Recyclable Material	Recyclable Material	Organics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction and Demolition Waste• Treated Wood and Wood Products• Invasive Species• Any material that is not a Banned Material and is not suitable for reuse, composting or recycling programs and for which there is no opportunity for resource recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All materials in Schedule 5 (Packaging and Paper Product Category) of the Recycling Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPR Items - all materials in the Recycling Regulation• Clean, dry mattresses• Recyclable Gypsum Board manufactured after 1990 and not containing any asbestos• Scrap Metal• Reusable Wood• Clean Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM D6400 certified compostable bags and packaging• Biosolids• Yard Waste• Clean Land Clearing Wood Waste• Food Scraps• Food-Soiled Paper Products

SCHEDULE B

Banned Materials

The following items are banned from Landfill Waste for the purposes of this Bylaw:

1. Any material that would cause undue risk of injury or occupational disease to any person at the Whistler Transfer Station or that would otherwise contravene the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* enacted pursuant to the *Workers Compensation Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time;
2. Any other material which the Manager, Site Supervisor or Medical Health Officer considers hazardous or unsuitable to handle.
3. With the exception of hot tubs, any single object that:
 - a) weighs more than 100 kilograms;
 - b) exceeds 2.5 metres in length;
 - c) exceeds 1.2 metres in thickness; or
 - d) exceeds 3 cubic metres in volume;
4. Agricultural waste;
5. Automobile parts and bodies;
6. Barrels, drums, pails or other large (45 gallon or greater) liquid containers, whether full or empty;
7. Batteries (Disposable and Rechargeable);
8. Biomedical waste;
9. Clean Wood;
10. Creosote treated wood or railroad ties;
11. Dead animals without the express permission of the Manager;
12. Reusable Wood;
13. Electronic and electrical products identified in "Schedule 3 – Electronic and Electrical Product Category" to the Recycling Regulation;
14. Empty oil containers identified in "Schedule 2 – Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
15. Excrement or manure, excluding household pet waste;
16. Extruded Styrofoam;
17. Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper Products;
18. Hazardous Waste;
19. Uncontaminated inert fill material including soil, sod, gravel, concrete, and asphalt
20. Lead acid batteries;
21. Liquids and sludges;
22. Mattresses suitable for recycling;
23. Metal household or commercial appliances;

24. Mixed Waste;
25. New or used Recyclable Gypsum Board (drywall), except for Used Residential Gypsum Board;
26. Oil filters identified in "Schedule 2— Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
27. Paint products identified in "Schedule 2 — Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
28. Pesticide products identified in "Schedule 2 – Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
29. Pharmaceutical products identified in "Schedule 2 – Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
30. Compressed gas containers such as tanks, cylinders, cartridges, or other forms of packaging;
31. Radioactive Waste or Reactive Waste;
32. Soil contaminated with Invasive Species;
33. Solvents and flammable liquids identified in "Schedule 2 – Residual Product Categories" to the Recycling Regulation;
34. Tires identified in "Schedule 4 – Tire Product Category" to the Recycling Regulation;
35. Waste that is on fire, smoldering, flammable, or explosive.

SCHEDULE C

Fees for Biosolids Processing and Solid Waste Depot Operations

Each of the below listed fees shall be charged on the annual municipal tax notice and shall be paid by the same due date and subject to the same penalty and penalty dates as the property taxes.

1. Each Parcel, with the exception of Parcels designated by BC Assessment as class 1818 Float – Light Duty, with an assessed improvement value greater than zero shall be charged a Biosolids Processing Fee of one hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$135.29) per Parcel.
2. Each Detached Dwelling and Duplex shall be charged a Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee of two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents (\$257.31) per unit.
3. Each Multi-Family Residential Complex that does not possess on its property commercially serviced organics, recyclables, and landfill waste containers, shall be charged a Solid Waste Depot Operations Fee of two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents (\$257.31) per unit.

SCHEDULE D

Tipping Fees

Solid Waste Type		Tip Fee
Banned Materials Surcharge (A load comprised of 25% or more contamination from other waste categories)		\$290 per tonne Note: Plus, Landfill Waste per tonne
Bike Tires and Bike Tubes		Free
Biosolids		\$252 per tonne
Clean Land Clearing Wood Waste	Unchipped	\$122 per tonne
	Chipped	Free
Food Scraps		\$80 per tonne
Gypsum Board	Recyclable Gypsum Board	\$401 per tonne
	Used Residential Gypsum Board	\$401 per tonne
Hazardous Waste		Not Accepted
Invasive Species		\$42 per tonne
Landfill Construction and Demolition Waste		\$232 per tonne
Landfill Waste		\$232 per tonne
Large Appliances		Free
Mattresses		\$22 each
Minimum Charge at the Whistler Transfer Station (Except any material or item indicated as 'Free')		\$6 per vehicle
Passenger and Light Truck Tires	Off Rim	\$12 per tire
	On Rim	\$27 per tire with rim
Recyclables - Includes Mixed Paper, Cardboard, Mixed Containers, Glass Containers, Flexible Plastics, Styrofoam, Scrap Metal, Paint, Vehicle Oil, and Vehicle Batteries		Free
Septage A – All liquid waste delivered via meter at the Wase Water Treatment Plant except as identified in "B" below		\$76.00 per cubic metre
Septage B – Aerated holding tanks within the RMOW as approved under "Public and Private Sewage Usage Regulation Bylaw No. 551, 1997" Septage from the Whistler Transfer Station and Whistler Compost Facility		\$1.50 per cubic metre
Unsecured Loads		\$30 per load
Wood Waste	Reusable Wood	\$150 per tonne
	Clean Wood	\$200 per tonne
	Treated Wood and Wood Products	\$232 per tonne
Yard Waste	Unchipped	\$35 per tonne
	Chipped	Free