

<b>Management of Waste Disposal Sites</b>	Policy	EHS1
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## What is the policy?

It is the policy of the department that each council develop and maintain a management plan for waste disposal required by the Waste Management Facilities Regulation 37/2016 of The Environment Act. This policy outlines the general conditions necessary for proper maintenance and upkeep of community Class 3 waste disposal sites. However, Manitoba Conservation and Climate (CC) may institute specific conditions on any license.

A collection fee per household must be levied by community council. A collection fee is to be levied against service recipients, ex. residents, adjoining First Nations communities and commercial users. The fee must be established by community bylaw. Communities adjoining a First Nation or other communities and using the same site should work out a cost sharing arrangement. It may include site maintenance as well as user fees, depending on the circumstances. Cost sharing should be done in consultation with the department to ensure such agreements are properly completed.

## Community responsibilities

### Proper Planning

- All waste disposal site plans must use the sites fullest potential to avoid unnecessary reconstruction costs.
- All sites should have separate designated areas, above-ground, clearly identified with signs for:
  - bulky metallic waste only
  - combustibles only (trees, brush, discarded wood products, etc.)
  - tires only
- Each trench must be designed, constructed and overseen by a professional engineer for a minimum capacity of three years.

### General Operation

- The practice of burning is prohibited, unless approval is received from the regional office of CC.
- The following maintenance schedule details minimum requirements. In some cases, communities contract out waste disposal site maintenance and cover the trench at more frequent intervals. This practice is quite acceptable.

## **Monthly**

- During the warm months, the active area must be compacted and covered with 0.15 meters of earth.

## **Semi-Annually**

- Once each spring and once each fall or more frequently, if required by CC, a general cleanup must be undertaken to confine solid waste as far as is practical to the smallest area within the active site.

## **Perimeter Fencing and Area**

- The perimeter of the waste disposal site must be fenced with a minimum of 1.5 metres high -13 gauge chain link fence on pressure treated wood fence posts spaced 3.6 metres apart, with top tension wire (9 gauge galvanized wire). The site may be enclosed using a gate; however, access should be allowed in the perimeter fence for carnivorous animals that would otherwise destroy the fence if access was completely restricted. A clean-cut area of 15 metres from the fence to the bush (if any) must be maintained and at least 30 metres from adjoining property lines.