

Management of Waste Disposal Sites	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 Environment and Climate Change (ECC) may institute specific conditions on any licence. The rules a council is required to follow are outlined in the operating permit issued by the Environmental Approvals Branch of ECC.

A collection fee per household must be levied by 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 waste disposal sites must 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 authorized under the operating permit and allowed by an environment officer of ECC. Where permitted, council must follow the burning conditions as provided by the operating permit and the environment officer.

- 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 (m) of earth.

Semi-Annually

- Once each spring and once each fall or more frequently, if required by ECC, 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 m high 13-gauge chain link fence on pressure treated wood fence posts spaced 3.6 m apart, with top tension wire (9-gauge galvanized wire). The site must be enclosed using a gate. A clean-cut area of 15 m from the fence to the bush (if any) must be maintained and at least 30 m from adjoining property lines.