



## Loon Lake Wildfire - Disposal Information

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Loon Lake Transfer Station cannot handle large commercial, industrial, or demolition loads, this site is designed to handle residential waste only. We will strive to provide the best service possible within the confines of the small facility, while ensuring we are protecting the health and safety of workers. Please note large demolition/construction loads must be hauled direct to an operating landfill. The nearest operating landfill is in Kamloops. We understand there will be many unique and challenging disposal issues, we will assist you to find solutions wherever possible.

Please note the landfill operated by Wastech in Cache Creek is closed, the TNRD operates the Cache Creek Transfer Station at the old landfill site, the same rules and regulations discussed in this document apply at the Cache Creek Transfer Station.

### Insurance:

Always check with your insurance provider first regarding disposal of solid waste related to wildfires. Insurance may cover costs of removal and disposal.

### Disposal Fees

Disposal fees at the Loon Lake transfer station are based on volume (no weigh scale). The site attendant will assess fees based on the TNRD tipping fee bylaw. Household garbage is \$1 per bag or \$10/ standard pick-up truck load (additional charge for extended sides). Construction/Demolition waste is charged at \$30/pick-up load (additional charge for extended sides). Unit based disposal fees apply on some special items. Contact the TNRD or talk to your local site attendant for more information. Disposal fees can be paid by prepaid eco-card (punch card) or charge account (cash not accepted). Eco-Cards can be purchased from the Marigold Fishing Resort or any service station in Cache Creek.

### Fridges & Freezers:

If you deem it SAFE to open your fridge/freezer:

- Double bag spoiled food and dispose of as regular garbage
- Keep and continue to use your appliance

If you deem it UNSAFE to open your fridge/freezer:

- Seal the doors shut with duct tape
- Label the appliance "contaminated" in large print
- Move appliance to curb/roadside for pick-up or drop off at transfer station

Contaminated fridges/freezers may be disposed of at TNRD waste transfer station free of charge for a limited time. If you do not need to dispose of your appliance, double bag spoiled food and dispose of as regular garbage. Disposal fees for spoiled food due to wildfire evacuations will be waived at TNRD waste transfer stations for a limited time.

### Burnt and fire damaged materials:

If your home (or other structure) was damaged by fire, be aware that burnt buildings and residual ash may contain hazardous materials such as asbestos and toxic chemicals. Burnt buildings and ash are subject to special disposal regulations to protect health and safety of workers and the public. See information below for more information.

**Burnt dwellings** - As a general rule, residual waste from burnt dwellings (building containing drywall, insulation, etc.) is not accepted at transfer stations, this material must be disposed of direct to landfill (nearest landfill in Kamloops, see list of landfill below). Contact the TNRD to discuss disposal options specific to your property.

**Ash** must be double bagged and securely sealed, bagged ash may be disposed of at the transfer station. Please take care to ensure bags to not break open when dropping into the bins. Loose ash (not double bagged) will not be accepted at the transfer station.

**Wood** - Small quantities of burnt wood (lumber, plywood, etc.) can be disposed of at the transfer station. A small load is generally considered to be a pick-up truck load or equivalent.

**Burnt Trees and Brush** - There is limited capacity at the transfer station for brush and branches. An additional disposal location for trees and branches is being investigated. Contact the TNRD for up-to-date information.

**Vinyl Siding** - Fire damaged vinyl siding can be disposed of at the transfer station.

**Scrap Metal** is accepted for recycling at the transfer station. Alternatively, Allan Weller who is an independent metal recycler in the community may accept scrap metal. Contact Allan directly for further information on the services he can provide at (250)459-2007

**Burnt Vehicles** are not accepted at the transfer station due to space constraints. Contact the TNRD for options to dispose of burnt vehicles

**Concrete** is not accepted at the transfer station. The TNRD is investigating options for disposal on concrete foundations from burnt structures. Contact the TNRD if you plan to remove/dispose of a concrete foundation.

**Small Animals** - up to 60kg (130lbs), can be doubled bagged and disposed of in refuse bins at TNRD Transfer Stations

**Large Animals** - over 60kg (130lbs) can only be disposed of at landfills. 24 hours advanced notice is required. See list of landfills below

**Hours of Operations:**

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**Transfer Stations**

Loon Lake Transfer Station  
1691 Loon Lake Road  
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday - 9am to 5pm

Cache Creek Transfer Station  
882 Campbell Hill Drive West  
Wednesday thru Sunday - 10am to 6pm

**Landfills**

Heffley Creek Landfill  
7381 Sullivan Valley Road, Heffley Creek  
Tuesday thru Sunday - 8am to 4pm

Kamloops Resource Recovery Center  
400 Owl Road, Kamloops  
Monday thru Friday - 8am to 4pm

Mission Flats Landfill  
3095 Mission Flats Road, Kamloops  
Open 7 days/week - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lower Nicola Landfill  
2348 Woodward Road, Merritt  
Open 7 days/week – 8am to 4pm

**Contact Information:**

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**Thompson Nicola Regional District**

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