

RDN Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw Coming into Effect on January 1, 2025

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board adopted “Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 1813, 2022” (Waste Hauler bylaw) at the October 22, 2024, board meeting. The bylaw requires all waste haulers transporting another party’s waste for profit where the waste originates in the RDN to have an annual license effective January 1, 2025. The RDN includes Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G and H, the City of Nanaimo, the District of Lantzville, the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach. While the bylaw does not come into effect until January, the bylaw was adopted now to provide haulers sufficient time to prepare.

Exemptions from this bylaw include illegally dumped or cleanup of spilled material, source separated recyclables and compostables, material transported on behalf of a municipality or the RDN and material generated outside of the RDN that is transported to a facility with a Waste Stream Management License.

Waste hauler licenses and license fees under the new bylaw will be based on the following tiered system:

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Tier	Tonnage Range	License Fee
1	0-100	\$500
2	101-1,000	\$1,500
3	1,001-3,500	\$4,500
4	3,501-6,000	\$10,000
5	6,001 and over	\$18,000
Disposal Levy per Tonne		\$25

A discounted tipping rate at the Regional Landfill and the Church Road Transfer Station will be provided to haulers delivering waste, provided those loads contain below the maximum threshold for recyclable or compostable materials. In addition, waste haulers will also be required to remit the disposal levy monthly, which is applicable to all material landfilled or incinerated in or outside of the RDN. When combined, the discounted tipping fee and disposal levy, will result in a \$20/tonne savings for licensed waste haulers, provided RDN facilities are utilized for disposal needs. The bylaw also allows for the RDN to apply surcharges to those not in compliance.

The [Mandatory Waste Source Separation Bylaw](#) (MWSS) was also adopted by the RDN Board today for all commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-family buildings throughout the region effective January 2025. The MWSS bylaw will require all waste generators to have separate or partitioned containers to sort garbage, recycling and organics starting in January 2025. To help prepare for this change, the RDN has been hosting public drop-in office hours in the region. There are three remaining drop-in opportunities in Parksville and Nanaimo in early November and an interactive webinar on November 20.

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“Together, the Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw and Mandatory Waste Source Separation Bylaw will divert more recycling and organics away from RDN waste facilities,” said Ben Geselbracht, RDN Director and Solid Waste Select Committee Chair. “These bylaws will encourage the waste industry to focus on waste reduction by making it more profitable to divert than to dispose of waste and support the RDN’s goal of diverting 90 per cent of waste generated in the region from the landfill.”

For more information on the bylaw, including the Waste Hauler Licensing Application and Guide, visit rdn.bc.ca/whl. For information on the Mandatory Waste Source Separation Bylaw and upcoming information session hours and webinar, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation.

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