

A Residents' Guide to Managing Waste on Kodiak Island



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Managing your waste: An overview

Kodiak is a community that works together. This booklet is a guide for residents to understand how to manage solid waste within the Kodiak Island Borough.

Alaska Waste provides citizens with weekly pickup for household garbage within the roll cart service areas. Outside the roll cart service area, designated dumpsters and roll offs are provided for service.

All homeowners are responsible to pay for the sustainable system in your service area. Kodiak Island Borough Code 8.25.060 states that all residents must subscribe to and pay for solid waste collection.

Recycling service for paper, plastic, cardboard, and aluminum is offered to Kodiak through disposal fees paid by your solid waste collection rates. Metal recycling is operated independently.

Are you moving?

Contact Alaska Waste at 486-5308 to accurately set up your account or make changes to current services.



Your roll cart service:

Roll Carts are provided by Alaska Waste at the start of service and are considered the property of Alaska waste. Each cart has a unique number that is assigned to the address of service. Roll carts should not be removed from the assigned property for any reason, including the transportation of trash or other debris to another location. Roll carts are property of Alaska Waste. If your roll cart or bin is lost or stolen, report it immediately to Alaska Waste at 907-486-5308. Do not take or use a neighbor's cart, instead place garbage in closed bags at the curb on your scheduled pick up day.

Holiday schedule for pickup:

Garbage will not be collected on **New Year's Day**, and **Christmas Day**. If the holiday is on your regular collection day, your garbage will be picked up the next day. Collection is provided on all other recognized holidays, but the office may be closed. **Call Alaska Waste at 907-486-5308 for information on all schedule changes.** The holidays can create more solid waste and recycling material. Extra refuse can be serviced for an additional \$6.87 per bag. You can also take your additional refuse to the landfill for no additional charge or hold some over for your next service day.

Safe use and care of your cart

Roll carts are the property of Alaska Waste. Homeowners are responsible for their care. By following proper safe use and care tips, your cart should last for ten years.

How to load your cart:

Your cart is for disposing of regular household garbage. Before you place any materials in your roll cart, please make sure it is in a plastic bag that is tied securely. This prevents garbage from flying away and littering our community. To place materials inside the cart, raise the lid by grasping it from the front and lifting. Do not overload the cart.

Pet owners:

Please seal animal waste and cat litter in plastic bags or a sealed container before depositing it in your cart.

How to store your cart:

Your roll cart should be stored near your house, which will reduce its exposure to street-side elements (such as wind, cars and dogs).

When to roll it out and roll it in:

On the morning of your weekly garbage collection day, place your cart at the curb by 6:00 AM. Please remove your cart from the road by the end of the day.

Where to park it:

Roll your cart to the curb or the edge of the street (see photo for proper placement). The collector will return your cart to the same place. Place your cart at least 3 feet from other obstacles.



With Curb



Without Curb

Are you a customer with a disability or other physical limitations?

You may be eligible to have the collector bring your roll cart to the curb and back at no additional charge. A doctor's statement is required for each person at the residence. Please contact Alaska Waste for more information at 907-486-5308.

Excess waste:

If you have extra garbage that does not fit in your assigned roll cart, place the excess in a tied bag next to the roll cart for pickup. Each additional bag is charged \$6.87. If you routinely have excess waste, a larger roll cart can be assigned to your property for the appropriate service fee. Contact Alaska Waste at 907-486-5308 for more information.

Tagged roll carts:

An orange tag on your roll cart, means it's non-compliant with Alaska Waste Service guidelines

An orange tag is placed by the Alaska Waste driver to communicate reasons for non-compliance. The reason is circled or a note is written on the tag. (See example below)

Alaska Waste will tag and service the cart the first occurrence. If the issue occurs again, the trash will be tagged and not serviced.

NOTICE

Your refuse was not collected for the reason circled below.

OVERSIZED

OVERWEIGHT

BULKY ITEMS TOO LARGE

CONTAINER NEEDS REPLACING

BAGS TORN/WRONG MIL THICKNESS

DISTANCE TO REFUSE

BLOCKED OR UNACCESSIBLE

NOT HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

REFUSE NOT OUT BY 6:00AM

NO LIDS/WATER IN CAN

ALASKA WASTE

(907) 486-5308

Examples of non-compliance



Cart is greater than three feet from the drivable roadway.



Cart is less than three feet from an obstacle.



Cart is facing the wrong direction. Handles should face the house.

Your residential dumpster & roll off service:

Kodiak residents who live outside of the roll cart service area haul their solid waste to a dumpster or roll off to dispose of it. The containers are maintained and serviced by Alaska Waste. The current rate for everyone in the service area is \$40.31 per month. You are expected to place securely bagged solid waste inside of the container and close the lid or door after use.

What is a residential dumpster?

Residential dumpsters range in size and have lids that open on the top of the container. The container is serviced on a regular schedule.



5.5 cubic yard dumpster

What is a residential roll off?

Roll off containers are large and equipped with multiple hinged doors. The container is hauled to the landfill, emptied and then returned to its site.



Roll off with plastic doors



Roll off with metal doors

Locations may be moved at any time, please contact Alaska Waste with questions.

Dumpster locations:

Alder Drive: On the corner of Alder Drive and Natalia Way

Cliffside Drive: Just off of Rezanof Drive

Cove Drive: Corner of Shahafka Circle and Cove Drive

Melnitsa Road: On Melnitsa Road near Mill Bay Coffee

Sitkinak Drive: Just off of Rezanof Drive

Treatment Plant: Across from the waste water treatment plant

Caroll Way: At the corner of Spruce Cape Road and Caroll Way

Sunset Drive: Just off of Rezanof Drive

Woodland Drive: Just off of Rezanof Drive

Puffin Drive: Just off of Rezanof Drive

Helo Pad: On Spruce Cape Road

Anderson Way: Just off Spruce Cape Road

Roll off locations:

Chiniak: Placed in the parking lot of the Chiniak School.

DOT: Placed on the side of the Chiniak Highway just past the DOT Building.

Pasagshak: Placed on the side of the highway just past Lake Rose Tead

Three Sisters: Placed at the corner of Three Sisters Road and Monashka Bay Rd.

Spruce Cape: Placed on the side of the road near 3800 Spruce Cape Road.

Sargent Creek: Placed on the gravel pad

Parkside Road: Placed in the gravel lot on the corner of Parkside Road and Rezanof Drive

Russian River Road: Placed on the corner of Russian River Road and W. Rezanof Drive.

What to do with large items?

To schedule a pick-up of large items and learn about rates, call Alaska Waste at 907-486-5308.

Large items include: Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher, hot water heater, or other large “white good” household appliances.

Take it to the landfill for free:

If the large item is generated by your residential household it can be taken to the Kodiak Island Borough Landfill free of charge. If you are dropping off items related to a second home, rental property or business, you must follow the Commercial guidelines. Call the landfill at 486-9345 for additional information regarding disposal.



Large items illegally dumped

Kodiak Island Borough Landfill/Baler Facility

1203 Monashka Bay Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

PH: (907) 486-9345

FAX: (907) 486-2750

Office hours: Mon-Sat 8 am to 5 pm

Drop off hours: Mon-Sat 10 am to 4 pm



What you can take to the landfill for free?

Up to 500 pounds of residential garbage

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Miscellaneous household trash
- Yard waste (branches, lawn clippings, and leaves although composting is encouraged. See page 18)

Lead acid batteries

- Car batteries
- Marine batteries

Household Hazardous Waste (up to 40 pounds per month)

- Paint, paint thinner
- Lawn chemicals
- Household chemicals
- Used oil
- Tires, without rims, up to eight per month

What you can take to the landfill for a fee?

Construction/Demolition: Remodeling materials including but not limited to, lumber, sheetrock, fixtures such as sinks and cabinets, windows, doors, flooring, shingles.

- Fee: \$150 per ton, \$20.00 minimum

Metal: auto body parts, tire rims, fences

- Fee: \$275 per ton

How to transport refuse to the landfill?

When transporting your refuse or debris, be sure that it is secured and covered adequately to prevent debris from littering roadways. It is the law and violators may be cited by police. Uncovered loads will pay a \$30 additional fee at the landfill.

About the Kodiak Island Borough landfill

The revenue collected by this enterprise fund is divided into two categories: collection and disposal fees. In estimating revenues, the waste generated by the residential and commercial population of the greater Kodiak area is considered.

Our current landfill “footprint” will reach capacity in 2014. After that time a new lined lateral expansion is proposed. The new expansion is projected to reach capacity in 2022-2024.

The KIB Engineering/Facilities Department is responsible for the administration, operation, and maintenance of the baler facility and landfill area. They can be reached at 710 Mill Bay Road, Room 224 or 907-486-9343.

Hazardous Waste

Improper disposal of household waste can cause serious environmental problems and costs for the entire community. These materials can contaminate our water supply and the air we breathe if they're not disposed of safely. The following suggestions can help reduce the amount of hazardous waste needing disposal:

- Read the labels on every product and make sure it is suitable for the intended purpose.
- Buy only as much as you need.
- Read and follow the directions on how to use the product and dispose of it.

- Use safer substitutes whenever possible.
- Donate unused solvents, paints to a local charity.

Paint

Household paint is acceptable as part of household garbage only if it is dried. Let it dry completely, or add kitty litter, sand or cement to help absorb and dry the paint. Place it with household waste for pickup with the lid removed. By law, wet paint can NOT be picked up as household garbage.

Computers/Electronics

Computers and electronics contain hazardous materials and need to be disposed of properly. Such equipment can be taken to Threshold Services for proper disposal.

Medical Waste

Contact your local doctor's office, pharmacy, or hospital to learn how to safely and properly dispose of medical waste, including needles.

Tires

Kodiak Island residents are allowed, at no charge, the disposal of eight standard car/truck tires per year. Any additional tires are charged the commercial cost of \$150 per ton, \$35.00 minimum.

Used motor oil and used oil filters

Used oil tanks are available for the proper disposal of used motor oil. Residents are asked to limit disposal to five gallons per visit to the landfill. Other liquid accepted at the landfill includes, gear oil, fuel oil, heating oil, kerosene, hydraulic fluid, diesel fuel, automatic transmission fluid, household cooking oil, and gas/oil mixture.

Going green: reduce, reuse and recycle

You may have heard the phrase, “reduce, reuse, and recycle.” This catchy phrase is actually written in the order you ought to do things:

How to reduce:

To reduce your consumption means to use less. For example, use less water by turning the faucet off while brushing your teeth, using a bicycle to get around town, buy products in bulk, avoid excess packaging and print double sided documents.

How to reuse:

Reuse comes next in the list. Think of this one as “reuse/repurpose.” Reusing doesn’t always mean you have to reuse something for the same purpose it was intended for. The Internet has tons of great ideas for repurposing what might otherwise become trash. For example, use newspaper to wrap gifts, rinse out zip lock bags, and shop at thrift stores or garage sales.

How to recycle:

While recycle is listed last, it’s still an important step. If everybody recycled everything they could, then new resources wouldn’t have to be used as much to make things that could be made from recycled materials. For example, aluminum cans tin cans, #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs with a screw top.



How do you recycle in Kodiak?

Recycling in Kodiak is facilitated by Threshold Services through a contract with the Kodiak Island Borough. Threshold Services offers one large drop-off center, three small drop-off centers and commercial pick-up service.

Threshold Services can be contacted at 486-6551 or 486-6554

The main recycle center is located

- 380 Von Scheele Way

The small recycle centers are located

- Next to the Senior Center at 302 Erskine Avenue
- In Bells Flats next to the AC supermarket
- Within the Harbor parking lot on the spit

The following items are acceptable for recycling at drop off facilities:

No disposal fee:

- Plastic: Bottles and jars #1 and #2 with recycling symbol, clean without lids
- Aluminum/Tin cans: Clean; labels are OK
- Cardboard & chipboard: Corrugated, dry good (cereal, pasta boxes) only and must be clean and flattened
- Paper: Newspaper and inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and junk mail

Yes disposal fee:

- Electronic Waste: \$0.50/pound for example; computers, monitors, printers, telecommunication equipment, fax machines, and televisions
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs: \$1.50/pound.

How to prepare items for recycling:

Aluminum / metal cans: Remove food residue; labels are OK. Aerosol cans must be empty.



Plastics: Plastic bottles and jugs marked as **Type 1 or 2** plastic are accepted. The type is located on the bottom of most products. Bottles and jugs that held hazardous materials such as pesticides, petroleum products, and pool chemicals, are **NOT** accepted. Please rinse, remove lids, and flatten containers to save space. Plastic bags or material that you can stretch without tearing is acceptable.



Don't forget to throw the cap in the garbage.

Corrugated cardboard, chipboard, cereal boxes: Corrugated cardboard is layered with a wavy middle. Flatten boxes and place them inside the receptacle. Your cardboard must be free of contaminants and wax for recycling to work.



Paper: Newspapers (including inserts), magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and office paper are accepted.



Non-recyclable items:

If you are in doubt about whether the item is recyclable, please call Threshold Services to ask. When in doubt, throw it out. Items include, but are not limited to: Styrofoam, waxed cartons, plastic caps, mixed material (spiral notebook with wire and paper).



Composting

What is compost: Composting is the natural method of recycling organic materials into valuable soil. Finished compost is nutritious enough to use as a soil amendment, buffering the pH and helping to retain water in the soil. It can cool the soil's surface, and help mitigate erosion. Why buy topsoil when you can create your own endless supply?

Why compost: Yard and food wastes make up approximately 30% of the waste stream in the US. Not only does composting successfully divert a significant portion of your family's waste stream from the landfill and water treatment facilities, it is a natural method of recycling organic materials into valuable soil.

What to compost:

From the Yard	From the Kitchen
Grass clippings	Coffee grounds
Leaves	Tea bags
Shrub and tree waste	Veggie and fruit scraps
Sawdust and wood chips	Corn husks

How to compost: The easiest way to get started composting is to make a pile in an unobtrusive place in your backyard. A good size is 3' x 3' x 3' up to 5' x 5' x 5'. Larger than that doesn't allow air to reach the microbes in the center. Lay black plastic under the pile and also over the top; this keeps all the nutrients from washing out and too much moisture from getting in.

Resources: Visit a local gardener, garden center or research online articles.

Littering

Please help keep Kodiak beautiful. Please be responsible for your trash and dispose all your refuse material at an approved disposal site.



A beautiful scene; uglified by litter.

How to report littering

You can anonymously report littering by calling our Kodiak Island Borough Enforcement Officer at 907-486-9364, Alaska Waste at 907-486-5308, or KIB Engineering/Facilities at 907-486-9343.

Did you know that all expenses for solid waste disposal and collection are funded solely by garbage fees? (Your monthly bill). The cost of cleaning up illegal dumping and littering messes has a direct impact on your monthly garbage bill!

Kodiak Island Borough ordinance regarding littering: 8.20.020 Definition

As used in this chapter, “litter” means all waste material of every kind and nature, including, but not limited to, disposable packages or containers, rubbish, garbage, junk, paper, paper products, rock, gravel, or dirt.

Bear aware

Because Kodiak is bear country, we all need to be aware of bears. Some of us live in neighborhoods where bears are commonly seen. In those bear areas, it is especially important when bears are awake (April – November) to keep garbage and other attractants out of reach of bears.

Bear aware checklist: Identify items around your home that might attract bears. If you answer “yes” to any questions below, you have some work to do! Refer to the solutions after the checklist to figure out how you can make your home and neighborhood safe.

Checklist	Yes	No
Garbage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there any trash outside your house, garage or shed that is not stored in a bear resistant container? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird Seed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any bird feeders out during the months when bears are awake? Also, are there any leftover seeds on the ground? 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Pets and other animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there any pet or livestock food stored outside where bears might get it? • Do you have any livestock on your property (chickens, ducks, goats, horses, beehives) that are not protected from bears by an electric fence? 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Fish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have any fishy-smelling gear (nets, lines, coolers) or fish cleaning tables outside your home? • Do you keep fish waste outside your home 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

or outside in garbage cans (non bear resistant)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freezers, smokers and BBQs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have any freezers outside that might provide easy access to bears? • Does your BBQ have leftover food or grease on it? • Do you leave your smoker outside unattended? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have a compost pile on your property that might attract bears? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Source: Anchorage Bear Committee

What you do really matters!

Garbage: Secure your garbage so bears can't get to it. Keep it inside, in a bear resistant container, in a reinforced shed or garage, or dispose of waste immediately. All waste should be securely bagged to reduce the smell. Rinse smelly bags and containers before throwing them away.

Bird seed: Don't feed birds during active bear season (April 15 – October 31). Clean up spilled bird seed.

Pets and other animals: Install electric fences to keep bears out of animal pens, corrals, chicken coops, rabbit hutches, and beehives. Store pet and livestock food out of reach of bears.

Fish: If you clean your fish at home, keep all fish waste in a freezer out of reach of bears until garbage pick-up. You can also take your fish waste straight to the landfill. Store fish nets, tackle and line indoors, in a garage, or otherwise out of reach of bears.

BBQs and smokers: Clean BBQ grills thoroughly after grilling. If possible, store grill inside the garage or shed when not in use.

Smoking fish can attract bears. Do not leave your smoker unattended.

Compost: Composting can attract bears. If you live in an area where bears are commonly seen, protect your compost pile with an electric fence. Do not put fish waste or smelly food scraps in your compost pile. Chop items well.

If you have a problem

If a bear is causing a problem, here are a few things you can do:

- Secure yourself and your family in your home.
- Turn on a spot light and make noise (yell, bang pans, etc.) to scare the bear.
- If the bear is not threatening, continue to watch it and try to figure out why it is coming around. Fix the problem in the morning or call for suggestions.
- If the bear is a direct threat to a person's life or valuable property, either call 9-1-1 for law enforcement help or you may shoot the bear as a last resort.
- Remember, if the bear has been attracted to your yard by improperly stored food or garbage, you can NOT legally kill it.
- If you kill a bear you must notify law enforcement officers, skin the bear, and relinquish the hide (with claws) and skull to Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

It takes a community

People in Kodiak are among the world's most experienced people living with bears. With a community effort we can continue to minimize bear problems. Let's keep up the good work and always **BE BEAR AWARE**. If you have questions, comments, or if you would like to discuss bears or bear problems in more detail call the Department of Fish and Game at: 907-486-1880.

Working together:

Kodiak is a community that works together! When everyone does their part to learn and teach how responsible disposal works, our neighborhoods remain clean.

Annual Community Clean-up Day:

Every year on the first Saturday of May a community-wide cleanup is organized. The snow is “usually” gone and litter is cleaned up by volunteers throughout the road system. Be part of a clean Kodiak Island community.

Contact information:

KIB Facilities and Engineering	486-9343
KIB Code Enforcement Officer	486-9364
Alaska Waste	486-5308
KIB Landfill	486-9345
Threshold Recycling Services	486-6554

Related Websites:

Kodiak Island Borough Solid Waste/Landfill/Baler:
www.kodiakak.us

Kodiak Island Borough Recycling Services:
www.thresholdkodiak.org

Alaska Waste:
www.alaskawaste.com