

**7102 – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL(LANDFILL)**

THE LANDFILL IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF RAPID CITY AND MANAGED BY THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ALL COSTS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THIS DIVISION ARE PAID FROM REVENUES GENERATED THROUGH THE TIPPING FEE CHARGED PER TON AT THE LANDFILL SCALE AND THROUGH THE DISPOSAL FEE OF THE CITY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER, WHICH IS \$1.78/MONTH PER CUSTOMER.

THE LANDFILL IS OPEN 7:00AM UNTIL 4:45PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, CLOSED SUNDAYS.

THE TIPPING FEE IS CURRENTLY \$44/TON PLUS \$1.00 STATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE WHICH EQUALS OUR CURRENT RATE OF \$45/TON. CITY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS PAY AN ENVIRONMENTAL FEE OF \$0.08/MONTH WHICH IS BASED ON THE \$1.00/TON STATE FEE. THE TIPPING FEE IS CHARGED FOR ALL GARBAGE AND IS PRORATED INTO THE CITY RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE DISPOSAL RATES. THE RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL RATE OF \$1.78 COVERS THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE COLLECTED EACH WEEK, THE WATER COLLECTION BILL ACCESS PRIVILEGE, AND THE PROCESSING OF YARD WASTE.

SPECIAL TIPPING FEES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND UTILIZED FOR SUCH ITEMS AS:

CONCRETE - \$10/TON  
 ASPHALT SHINGLES - \$16/TON  
 PETROLEUM CONTAMINATED SOIL - \$4.50/TON  
 TIRES - \$185/TON  
 CLEAN WOOD PALLETS - \$20/TON  
 RETESTING FEES FOR FUEL CONTAMINATED SOILS - \$100 EACH  
 CLEAN YARD WASTE – NO TIPPING FEE CHARGED  
 CLEAN CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS - \$25/TON  
 CLEAN SCRAP METAL – FREE  
 CLEAN CARDBOARD, BLUE BAGS, BULK RECYCLABELS – NO TIPPING FEE  
 PRESENTLY THE MINIMUM CHARGE FOR A PICKUP OR SINGLE AXLE TRAILER UP TO 1000 LBS IS \$10.40.  
 AUTOS ARE CHARGED \$1.04.  
NON PROFIT AGENCIES \$10/TON  
PETROLEUM CONTAMINATED WATER AT \$24.50/TON  
 PERCENTAGE DISCOUNT IS GRANTED TO LOADS WITH A CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF CLEAN CARDBOARD. THIS IS DETERMINED BY A CITY OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE(LOAD INSPECTOR)

SPECIAL WASTES REQUIRE TESTING, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION MANAGER OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, TO DETERMINE IF THE LANDFILL CAN LEGALLY RECEIVE THE SPECIAL WASTE.

LANDFILL DISPOSAL RATES ARE DETERMINED BY ADDING THE TOTAL COST OF DOING BUSINESS, USING WHAT IS CALLED “FULL COST ACCOUNTING”, AND DIVIDING THE NEEDED REVENUE BY THE ESTIMATED REVENUE TONNAGE.

CITY DEPARTMENTS, EXCEPT THOSE OPERATING AS ENTERPRISE FUNDS, ARE NOT CHARGED FOR DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, OR ANY OTHER ITEM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIRES AND FUEL CONTAMINATED SOILS.

**CITY RESIDENTS WITH A CURRENT(to mean 90 days, public works 3/9/04) RESIDENTIAL CITY WATER UTILITY BILL ARE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR WATER UTILITY BILL AS A PASS TO**

THE LANDFILL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ONE PICKUP LOAD OF HOUSEHOLD/RESIDENTIAL TRASH, ONCE A MONTH. WE ENCOURAGE WEEK END USE OF THE PRIVILEGE FOR SAFETY REASONS BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC DURING THE WEEK. THE WATER UTILITY BILL IS STAMPED TO PREVENT MULTIPLE USE.

PICKUP AND SMALL TRAILER LOADS ARE CHARGED \$10.40/LOAD, UP TO AN ESTIMATED 1,000 LB. NET. IF THE SCALE ATTENDANT DETERMINES THAT THE LOAD SHOULD BE WEIGHED, THE CUSTOMER CAN BE CHARGED BY WEIGHT, AT \$45/TON WITH A MINIMUM FEE OF \$5.20. LANDFILL ATTENDANT MAY USE DISCRETION IN DETERMINING FEE.

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY THAT CITY RESIDENTS, PAYING FOR CITY RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION, WITH A CURRENT CITY RESIDENTIAL WATER UTILITY BILL MAY USE THE LANDFILL FREE OF CHARGE FOR DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, THE WATER UTILITY BILL MAY BE USED ONLY ONCE AND IS STAMPED AS USED BY THE LANDFILL ATTENDANT.

THE PROCESSING OF YARD WASTE INTO COMPOST IS PRESENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE \$45/TON TIPPING FEE. IN 1993, WHEN THE YARD WASTE ORDINANCE WAS DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED, IT WAS RECOMMENDED AND DECIDED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A DIRECT CHARGE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE AT THE LANDFILL OPERATED YARDWASTE COMPOSTING SITE. WITH THE COMPOSTING OF YARD WASTE, THE SAVINGS OF LANDFILL SPACE IS A BENEFIT FOR ALL LANDFILL USERS. THEREFORE, THE FEE OR COST OF PROCESSING YARD WASTE, SUCH AS GRINDING, COMPOSTING, SCREENING, ETC. IS PAID FOR BY ALL LANDFILL USERS AND BUILT INTO THE TOTAL TIP FEE. THE ANNUAL COST OF OPERATING THE YARD WASTE COMPOSTING SITE IS @\$250,000/YEAR OR APPROXIMATELY \$3 OF THE \$45 TIPPING FEE.

COMPOSTED YARD WASTE IS SOLD AT DIFFERENT RATES. COARSE, ROUGH COMPOSTED YARD WASTE IS AT \$15/TON, ¾" SCREENED YARD WASTE IS AT \$25/TON, AND 3/8" COMPOST IS AT \$30/TON. WOOD CHIPS, AND SIMILAR MATTER ARE SOLD AT \$10/TON.