

METRO VANCOUVER: NEW TIP FEES FOR WASTE DISPOSAL

On Monday, April 6, Metro Vancouver introduced a new disposal fee structure for those companies disposing waste at their facilities. The Waste Management Association of BC has prepared a backgrounder to help companies in the commercial and industrial sector better understand the new fee structure and what means for businesses.

Metro Vancouver's new tip fees are based on **individual loads** of waste disposed of at a Metro Vancouver facility.

Metro Vancouver has reduced its disposal fees on individual loads from commercial, industrial, institutional, municipal and multi-family **sources** on a sliding scale.

- For individual loads that meet or exceed nine (9) metric tonnes the fee drops from \$109.00 to \$80.00 per tonne plus a \$5.00 transaction fee.
- For individual loads between one (1) metric tonne and less than nine (9) metric tonnes, the fee is \$109.00 to a maximum load fee of \$720.00 plus a \$5.00 transaction fee.
- For individual loads less than one (1) metric tonne, the fee increases from \$109.00 to \$130.00 per tonne to a maximum load fee of \$109.00, plus a minimum fee for small loads of \$15.00 that includes the transaction fee.

This new fee structure decreases tip fees for large individual loads but adds a new transaction fee of \$5.00 per load.

To ensure the most cost effective service to its customers, waste services providers often schedule collection routes to consolidate the pick-up of other customer's loads which are mostly small in weight. The weight of the waste collected varies from customer to customer and therefore impacts the final weight of individual loads to be disposed. On occasion they may exceed the nine metric tonne load threshold but it is impossible to predict with any certainty when this may occur and it is the minority of the loads that do. Some trucks cannot legally carry that much weight.

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