

Skykomish Drop Box



Exterior gate to the Skykomish drop box

Fact Sheet

Overview: The facility was built in 1980 on a seven-acre property, which provides for a buffer between the facility and the rail line on the north side, a residential neighbor on the east side, King County Roads field office on the west, and a small helipad and Old Cascade Highway on the south side. It includes a partially fenced no-fee recycling area and a fenced solid waste disposal area with two top-loading drop boxes, each with two stalls. For access to the disposal area, customers use the self-service payment kiosk that accepts prepaid cards or credit cards. The station services residents and businesses from the Skykomish area.

Location: 74324 NE Old Cascade Hwy, Skykomish, WA 98288

Hours of operation

Winter: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Summer: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (2nd Sunday in March until 1st Sunday in Nov)

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Note: No cash or checks. Maximum load size accepted at Skykomish is three cubic yards or one ton.

What happens to the waste? The waste is transported by a private commercial hauler in drop boxes from Skykomish to the Houghton Transfer Station, 56 miles away. From there, the waste is transported by county employees to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

What happens to recyclable materials? Recyclable materials are separated by type and distributed to local, national or international markets for processing into recycled content products.

Notable features

- It is the most remote solid waste facility operated by King County and is unstaffed. Cameras are used to monitor activities, and King County staff makes regular visits to the site to perform maintenance. In addition, employees from the King County Road Services Division facility next door helps monitor the site.
- The facility received a new roof in 2008 after the old roof collapsed under record snowfall in January of that year.



Signs direct customers to the Recycle Center or Disposal Area



Payment kiosk, service phone and one-time use card deposit box

2015 at a glance

- **Who are the customers?** Self-haul customers and the City of Skykomish Public Works Department
- **Tons of solid waste disposed:** 1,181. This constitutes less than 1 percent of solid waste at all King County transfer stations.
- **Total customer visits:** 3,095
- **Recycling services**
 - Cardboard
 - Mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes
 - Scrap metal
 - Textiles
 - The following can be combined in the large blue "Recyclable Materials" containers:
 - o Paper, including office paper, junk mail, envelopes, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper food boxes, cartons such as milk, juice and broth cartons, paper cups, shredded paper if securely tied in clear plastic bags, and hard and paperback books
 - o Aluminum and tin/steel cans
 - o Glass bottles and jars
 - o Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, pots, food containers, clamshells, trays
 - o Large plastic or steel/tin lids (3 inches or more)

Recyclable materials must be empty (no liquids) and clean (no food).

• Recycling Tonnage

Cardboard	Paper	TAP ¹	Glass	Total*
9	20	5	11	46

1) TAP (tin, aluminum and plastic)

* This constitutes less than 1 percent of the recycling at all King County transfer stations.



Disposal area (4 stalls) Exterior gate to the Skykomish drop box

Alternative Formats On Request
206-477-4466 • TTY Relay: 711

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