



SUMMERLAND LANDFILL

Fire Debris Management

September 15, 2026

The District Landfill is currently preparing to accept burnt material and is working to ensure the necessary requirements and processes are in place before acceptance begins.

In the meantime, the following information is being provided to help residents and contractors understand the requirements for burnt material disposal and prepare accordingly.

The District will provide an update on its website when the landfill is ready to begin accepting burnt material. Please stay tuned for further information.

The Summerland Landfill only accepts waste from the District of Summerland and surrounding rural areas in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS).

Burnt materials are a Controlled Waste and have specific requirements and conditions for disposal. Follow the guidelines below when bringing waste to the landfill. Standard tipping fees apply unless otherwise noted. Learn more at www.summerland.ca.

Standard Requirements:

- Burnt Materials may only be accepted Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The Landfill will not accept commercial materials on Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holidays.
- To be received at the Summerland Landfill, WorksafeBC requires a Hazardous Materials Assessment to be completed by a Qualified Professional. This is a requirement for all properties and structures regardless of age. For questions regarding WorksafeBC requirements please visit WorksafeBC or contact the WorksafeBC Prevention Line at 1-888-621-7233.
- Any mandatory recyclables such as concrete, brick and metal must be reasonably separated and disposed as recyclable. More information below.
- Waste from fires must be extinguished for a minimum of 14 days before disposal to ensure that the waste will not re-ignite.

Asbestos Containing Materials

Burnt materials identified by a Hazardous Materials Assessment completed by a Qualified Professional as Asbestos Containing Materials must follow the [Summerland Landfill](#)

[Disposal Acceptance Procedures for Asbestos Containing Materials](#). Appointments with the landfill will be booked for acceptance of asbestos.

Non-Hazardous Ash From a Structure

Any non-hazardous ash from a structure must be contained in plastic bags or bins liners. The maximum size of bin for receiving ash is 20 cubic yards. All liners must be strong enough to allow dumping without being torn.

Unlined loads with ash will not be accepted. If dumped the load will be subject to penalties. Large debris should be kept separate to avoid punctures in the liner.

Soil Containing Structural Debris

Soil, up to 6 inches in depth, showing visible contamination from structural debris will be treated as a burnt material for disposal. It can be mixed with other burnt materials. If it contains asbestos or ash it must be identified and managed as those materials.

Clean Fill (clean soil) will not be accepted from any property where structures have burnt until all debris has been removed. A building permit through the District of Summerland or RDOS will be required prior to acceptance of Clean Fill from these properties.

Demolition Debris

Burnt or partially burnt demolition debris including wood, drywall, flooring or furniture may be brought in after having a Hazardous Materials Survey. Salvageable materials such as metal should be removed if reasonable to do so. Ash should be kept separate. A [Potential Asbestos Declaration Form](#) will be required for each load.

Concrete, Brick, Masonry and Asphalt

Concrete, brick, masonry and large rocks can be combined. Loads should contain as little soil as possible. Where asbestos has been identified onsite these materials should be pressure washed or scrapped to reduce potential contamination.

Where reasonable asphalt and asphalt shingles should be kept separate for recycling. Separate piles will be maintained for these materials.

Metals & white goods

Metal, including burnt white goods, can be accepted at the Summerland Landfill for recycling. Metal should be kept separate and not mixed with other debris.

Burnt Trees

Burnt trees will be received at the Summerland Landfill. They should be kept separate from non-burnt vegetative debris and pruning's, if possible. Non-burnt vegetation including trees

and pruning's will be accepted in a separate area. No rocks, soil or other debris may be mixed in these loads.

Hazardous Waste and E-Waste

The Summerland Landfill can only accept certain types of household hazardous waste with intact packaging. Broken electronics containing lead or lithium batteries will not be accepted for recycling. Undamaged electronic items will be accepted. A hazard abatement company may be required to manage these materials as directed by a Hazardous Materials Survey.