

Information for homeowners and contractors on disposal of burned structures and debris from wildfires

After the devastating fires in Chelan and Douglas Counties, property owners are dealing with clean-up rebuilding. Fires leave ashes, charred wood, melted plastics, damaged metals, burned appliances, roofing material, dead and dying trees and landscaping plants, cracked foundations and other debris.

We are providing the following information to help property owners and contractors plan the proper disposal of the remaining debris to keep their community environment safe and themselves in compliance with local and State environmental regulations. This debris can contaminate soil, nearby wells lakes and streams. Property owners are responsible for how contractors handle and dispose of the waste debris from their properties. A list of permitted facilities and contact information is included at the end. Please call our office for more information on safe handling of debris and ash at 509-886-6400.

Any and all of the waste (except anything hazardous) can be disposed of at the Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill in East Wenatchee. Most of the material can be disposed of at the Chelan County Transfer Station. There must no chance of the waste igniting again. Call the facilities for more information on what they can take.

Ash and charred material.

This must go to the Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill or Chelan Transfer Station. It cannot be buried on site or brought to another property to dump, pile or bury.

Landscaping and trees.

These may be disposed of at the Chelan Transfer Station or the Chelan Mulching Center. Under some situations, this waste may be burned on site with proper local and state permits. See the information at the end. You cannot take it to another property to burn, dump or bury it. Chipping it into mulch, using it for firewood or home composting are acceptable alternatives.

Metal and appliances

Take metals to a metal scrapper or recycler. Check with the facility to see if they accept burned appliances.

Concrete, asphalt, brick, glass (inert material as described below)

Concrete, asphaltic materials, cinderblocks, brick and masonry, ceramic material and glass from structures or used for other construction purposes can be disposed of in a permitted inert waste landfill. Permitted landfills are listed below. It must be clean and free of other material such as insulation, tiles, vinyl, linoleum, carpet, wallpaper, plaster and drywall, coatings and paint containing lead, asbestos or other hazardous material.

Up to 250 cubic yards of inert waste may be buried at a site without a permit. It is the property owner's responsibility to make sure to meet the inert waste criteria and location standards outlined in WAC 173-350-410(2) shown below, even though they are not required to obtain a permit.

Inert Waste

Inert waste landfills, location standards. (WAC 173-350-410(2)) No inert waste landfill area shall be located:

- (a) On an unstable slope;
- (b) Closer than ten feet from the facility property line;
- (c) Closer than one hundred feet to a drinking water supply well; or
- (d) In a channel migration zone as defined in WAC 173-350-100, or within one hundred feet measured horizontally, of a stream, lake, pond, river, or saltwater body, nor in any wetland nor any public land that is being used by a public water system for watershed control for municipal drinking water purposes in accordance with WAC 248-54-660(4).

Inert waste criteria. (WAC 173-350-990(2))

The following solid wastes are inert wastes, if the waste has not been tainted, through exposure from chemical, physical, biological, or radiological substances, such that it presents a threat to human health or the environment greater than that inherent to the material:

- (a) Cured concrete that has been used for structural and construction purposes, including embedded steel reinforcing and wood, that was produced from mixtures of Portland cement and sand, gravel or other similar materials;
- (b) Asphaltic materials that have been used for structural and construction purposes (e.g., roads, dikes, paving) that were produced from mixtures of petroleum asphalt and sand, gravel or other similar materials. Waste roofing materials are not presumed to be inert;
- (c) Brick and masonry that have been used for structural and construction purposes;
- (d) Ceramic materials produced from fired clay or porcelain;
- (e) Glass, composed primarily of sodium, calcium, silica, boric oxide, magnesium oxide, lithium oxide or aluminum oxide. Glass presumed to be inert includes, but is not limited to, window glass, glass containers, glass fiber, glasses resistant to thermal shock, and glass-ceramics. Glass containing significant concentrations of lead, mercury or other toxic substance is not presumed to be inert.

Solid Waste Handling Facilities for the Chelan and Douglas County Area

Please call to get times of operation, directions, what wastes are accepted and the conditions of acceptance. Transfer stations might not accept large or heavy items, liquids, electronics, roofing material, asbestos containing wastes or hazardous wastes. Call the Chelan-Douglas Health District, Solid Waste Program regarding facilities not on this list at 509-886-6400.

Wenatchee Transfer Station

1421 S. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee
509-662-8885

North Chelan Transfer Station

23235 Hwy 97A, Chelan
509-682-5631 or 509-422-453

Dryden Transfer Station and Compost Facility

9073 Landfill Rd, off Hwy 2, Dryden
Access from east bound Hwy 2 only.
509-667-6415 or 509-664-5415

Bridgeport Bar Transfer Station

25 Perkins Rd. (off Hwy 173)
Between Brewster and Bridgeport
509-686-4242

Stemilt Organic Recycling Center

719 S. Columbia St., Wenatchee. Behind Stan's. 509-664-2915
Accepts yard waste and natural vegetation like grass clippings, tree and bush prunings;
Food waste, lumber and/or garbage are not accepted.

Filion Inert Landfill

5600 Nahahum Canyon, Cashmere. 509-782-1010. By appointment only. Call before you go!
Inert waste includes cured concrete and asphalt, brick, glass, stainless steel and aluminum.
Non-inert waste, construction/demolition waste, and/or general garbage are not accepted.

Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill and Recycling

Webb Rd., East Wenatchee. 509-884-2802
Contact the landfill office to discuss acceptance of solid wastes the transfer stations cannot take
and special wastes. They do not allow residential customers to direct dump at landfill.

Okanogan County Central Landfill and Recycling Facility

241 B&O North Rd., Okanogan. 509-422-2602
Contact the landfill to discuss acceptance of solid wastes from Chelan or Douglas County.

Solid waste pick-up services and dumpster rentals

Waste Management disposal service; 509-662-4591 and 509-664-3300
Chelan Area - Zippy Disposal Service; 509-682-3695 and 509-682-5464
City of Cashmere; 509-782-3513
City of Leavenworth; 509-548-5275

Notice: The disposal of solid waste at non-permitted sites, on private property, public lands and road right-of-ways is illegal and subject to fines.

Solid waste, other than natural vegetation, cannot be burned. There are state and local rules for burning natural vegetation. Burning may require a permit from Ecology and is not allowed in urban growth areas. Do not burn natural vegetation collected from other properties. Please contact the WA State Department of Ecology, Air Quality program at 509-575-2490 for more information.

Recycling and Collection Facilities of Chelan and Douglas Counties

The acceptable materials listed below are subject to change. Call facility for information on current acceptable materials, days and hours of operation and directions to facility.

Central Washington Recycling

1105 Hawley, Wenatchee. 509-662-2157 or 509-663-6671

Aluminum cans, tin cans, computer paper, corrugated cardboard, chip/paperboard, magazines & glossy paper, catalogues, newspaper, paperback books, phone books, colored and white office paper, computer paper, mixed waste paper, commercial pickups

Collins Recycling

1631 S. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee. 509-662-6520

Will buy all non-magnetic metals: copper, brass, aluminum, lead, stainless steel, aluminum cans, electric motors, radiators and electrical wiring (no iron products).

Greater Wenatchee Recycling

3741 Airport Way, East Wenatchee. 509-884-2275

Non-magnetic metals, cardboard, mixed paper, #1 and 2 plastics, glass.

North Chelan County Recycling

23235 State Highway 97A, Chelan. 509-670-4873, 682-4663

Recycling center is next to the transfer station, about a mile and a half east of town. Mixed waste paper, glossy paper, magazines, Chip/paperboard such as food boxes must have gray or brown interior; no white, #6 Polystyrene egg cartons. Accepts yard waste, branches up to 6 inches thick, and leaves. No noxious weeds.

Wenatchee Valley Salvage and Recycling

295 Urban Industrial Ave. East Wenatchee. 509-886-7161

Scrap metal.

Goodwill

620 Grant Rd., East Wenatchee
509-891-7303

Salvation Army

1501 N. Miller St., Wenatchee
509-662-5103

City of Chelan Recycle Center

23233 Hwy 97A, Chelan
509-670-4873

Computers, E-readers, monitors, TV's. Accepted only from residential customers and only when these materials have come from their own private homes. Quantities accepted are limited. Call to see if store will accept these materials from a nonresidential source.

Check the following websites for County Recycling Centers

Chelan County Solid Waste Program http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/pw/solid_waste/default.htm

Douglas Countywide Solid Waste Program <http://www.countywidesolidwaste.net/>

Ecology State Recycle Hotline Database

Use this database, <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/recycle/>, to find other recycling and drop off collections centers.