

Birch Creek Tribal Council

Solid Waste Management

Solid Waste Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE pertaining to public health, safety, and welfare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BIRCH CREEK TRIBAL COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE X PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HUMAN WASTE

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Section 10.01.010 – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

The Solid Waste Disposal Site is located ¼ mile down the road on the west side of the airstrip.

Section 10.01.020 – DEFINITIONS

ADEC is the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, who issues approval of the Birch Creek Village Solid Waste Management Plan.

Back-haul freight means to export material out of the village on a carrier (plane or barge) returning to its home or hub port.

Construction Debris includes discarded pipe, demolition or construction waste, and burned building remains.

Cover Material is soil or gravel applied over trash. Cover material serves to reduce spread of disease, keep animals out of trash, and reduce nuisance conditions.

Final Cover is soil or gravel applied over trash to a depth of one (1) foot.

Hazardous Wastes are lead-acid batteries, transformers with PCBs, asbestos lined stovepipes, aerosol cans, freezer elements, and any material or substance categorized as hazardous wastes under Alaska or federal law.

Raw Sewage are undiluted sewage wastes.

Intermediate Cover is soil or gravel applied over trash to a depth of six (6) inches.

Junk Vehicles are discarded ATVs, snow machines, bicycles, etc. Herein, junk vehicles do not include cars or trucks. Junk vehicles are disposed in the salvage yard.

Junk Cars and Trucks are discarded or destroyed automobiles and trucks. Junk cars and trucks are disposed in the area designated for the disposal of construction wastes and junk cars within the Solid Waste Disposal Site.

Recyclable Wastes are aluminum cans and other trash, which can be reused depending on market value and recovery costs, including transportation, storage, and collection costs.

Salvage Yard is the portion of the Solid Waste Disposal Site where salvage is permitted. ATVs, snow-machines, and bicycles are disposed of in the salvage yard.

Sanitary Landfill is the portion of the Solid Waste Disposal Site where trash is regularly covered with soil or gravel.

Section 10.01.030 – WASTE DISPOSAL

A. Raw sewage (honey bucket) waste will not be disposed of in the sanitary landfill. Raw sewage will be disposed of in outhouses located next to homes in the community or in the sewage lagoon located behind the washeteria building.

B. Trash (or refuse, will be disposed of in the sanitary landfill portion of the Solid Waste Disposal Site. A sign indicating where to dispose trash within or adjacent to the landfill will be maintained.

C. Intermediate cover will be applied monthly during summer months. The cover operation involves waste consolidation, compaction, and application of cover. Refuse will be consolidated and compacted but no cover applied during winter months.

In the fall after heavy rains, or in late spring after breakup, when and if quagmire conditions prohibit the use of heavy equipment, trash consolidation, compaction and cover operations will be postponed until such time as the cover operation may be practically accomplished.

D. Final Cover will be applied over the last layer of trash. Final cover closes out that section of the sanitary landfill.

E. Dense, large and non-biodegradable construction debris, white wastes and junk cars and trucks will be disposed outside the sanitary landfill portion of the Solid Waste Disposal Site. Large non-biodegradable wastes can be safely disposed outside the sanitary landfill. Such wastes do not compact well and take up considerable space in the sanitary landfill and thus shorten the life of the sanitary landfill.

Refrigerator and washing machine doors will be removed before disposal to avoid tragedy.

Section 10.01.040 – HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

- A. Hazardous waste such as electrical transformers with PCBs, or asbestos. Will not be disposed in the Solid Waste Disposal Site. In the event that such hazardous wastes appear in Birch Creek Village, ADEC will be contracted for assistance in determining a safe method of disposal.
- B. Household hazardous wastes will be disposed of with other refuse within the sanitary landfill part of the Solid Waste Disposal Site. Because separation and storage of household hazardous waste may be disposed with other trash or refuse.
- C. Lead-acid batteries will be disposed in the Birch Creek Village Solid Waste Disposal Site. Batteries will be stored and shipped to a battery recycle or some responsible party who will properly dispose of the batteries.

A receipt of the battery transfer will be obtained and filed with other Village records.

Section 10.01.060 – WASTE RECOVER/SALVAGE

- A. Aluminum can recovery will be simple since Wright Air Service transports the recycled cans for free. The task of handling and storing the aluminum cans is done by volunteers or community workers, aluminum can recovery is feasible.
- B. Junk vehicles with some salvage value will be disposed in the salvage yard. Persons may recover parts and materials they want from the salvage yard. Salvage of parts from cars and trucks disposed in the construction wastes and junk cars and trucks disposal area is also encouraged.

Section 10.01.070 – INCINERATION

- A. Residents will be encouraged to use burn barrels to reduce trash volume. Burn barrel rules are as follows:
 - 1. Burn barrels will not be located within 30 feet of any building.

2. Burn barrels will not be located within 200 feet of any bulk fuel storage tank.
 3. The use of burn barrels will not be allowed during high winds (gusting above 20 mph).
 4. Burning hours are 10:00pm to 8:00am seven (7) days a week.
- B. Untended Open Burning will not be allowed at the Solid Waste Disposal Site. Open burning causes fires along the hillside.

Section 10.01.080 – CLEAN UP

- A. Annual Clean-up Week will be declared annually in the spring after breakup. Resident's will be encouraged to pick up trash which has accumulated around town. The Village may provide trash bags and provide collection of full trash bags.
- B. Solid Waste Disposal Site Clean-up will be done annually. In the spring, before breakup, uncovered refuse which has accumulated over the winter will be considered, compacted and covered. At the same time cover material will be stockpiled.
- C. Litter around the access to the Solid Waste Disposal Site, the salvage yard, and the construction wastes disposal area will be picked up from time to time as is required. Community service workers may be asked to do this chore.

Litter collection will not be done within the sanitary landfill area; it is dangerous and it is a liability to the Village.