

**OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
RESOLUTION 129 - 2020**

A resolution waiving central landfill disposal fees to assist with health, safety and economic recovery due to wildfires.

WHEREAS, The Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) declared a state of emergency on September 8th, 2020 via resolution 118-2020, for wildfires burning in the County; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County sustained incredible fire damage due to the Palmer Lake Fire and the Cold Springs Fire where many structures within the areas were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, County government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and to mitigate the effects of such events; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds waiving solid waste fees for those property owners unfortunate to have suffered loss from the devastating fires is necessary for the health safety and welfare of the entire County; and

WHEREAS, it has been expressed by volunteers associated with disaster recovery groups that they desire to assist property owners in the removal of designated fire debris within the two burn areas for disposal to the Okanogan County Solid Waste Department; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Okanogan County hereby waives the tipping fee at the central landfill for residential cleanup debris removal directly resulting from the Palmer Lake and Cold Springs fires until December 31st 2020, subject to the following provisions:

- 1) qualified volunteers, accessing the waiver, will be designated by the Recovery/Relief Organization who have been acknowledged by the BOCC; and
- 2) a property owner and/or qualified volunteer of the Recovery/Relief Organization shall present the parcel number and proof of property ownership prior to having tipping fees waived by solid waste personnel; and
- 3) the waiver applies only to residential properties where homes are destroyed or damaged, where debris is the result from the rebuilding effort; and
- 4) the waiver shall only be valid at the Central Landfill; and
- 5) Okanogan County Solid Waste will work with the Okanogan County Assessor's office, Emergency Management and other government agencies to determine eligibility of the property owners in the affected area for the tip fee to be waived.


DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 29 day of September, 2020.



ATTEST:


Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board

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