



# DRY CREEK LANDFILL

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## HOT ZONE PLAN

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# OVERVIEW

This plan was developed to manage the active areas at Dry Creek Landfill in a safe and orderly manner. Safety is our number one priority in all of our operations.

“Hot Zones” are identified at Dry Creek Landfill as high traffic areas in the active deck, Rogue Compost, and scales. The Hot Zone Plan is a living document and will be adjusted, as needed, to meet the safety needs at Dry Creek Landfill.

As safety is our primary concern in all our operations, it’s essential that we heighten the awareness to our staff, haulers, and third-party vendors by providing the information necessary to follow our safety protocols within the Hot Zone.

New hires will be trained on Hot Zones on their first day of employment. Hot Zone refresher training will be conducted semiannual or more if deemed necessary.

The Hot Zone Plan will be followed by everyone who enters Dry Creek Landfill and the Rogue Compost production area.

# HOT ZONE DESCRIPTIONS AT DRY CREEK LANDFILL

## HWY 140 Scales

Dry Creek Landfill and the Rogue Compost production area are commercial facilities and are not open to the public. The primary scales are located off HWY 140, on a private road, and is used by Knife River, Dry Creek Landfill, and Rogue Compost. Drivers should not exit their vehicles upon entering the scales. While scaling out, the scale operator will get your weight then you will pull forward off the scale and the driver will exit their truck to retrieve their paperwork from inside the ticket booth. This area of the site plan and traffic pattern are shown below in Figure 1. Do not walk across the scale bypass lanes. If you need to exchange paperwork, you must make a u-turn and approach the ticket booth beyond the outbound scale.

**Figure 1.** HWY 140 Scale House



## Dry Creek Scales

Back-up scales are located off Dry Creek Road at the secondary entrance to the landfill. Aggregate trucks are not allowed to use this access point, as use is limited to Dry Creek and Rogue Compost commercial customers only (unless otherwise directed). This area of the site plan and traffic pattern are shown below in Figure 2.

**Figure 2.** Dry Creek Scale House



## Un-Tarpping/Staging Area

Traffic congestion can limit visibility around the Staging Area. While un-tarpping, drivers are required to remain within 5 feet of their vehicle and are required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – referenced on page 8.

## Active Deck Area

The active deck consists of the areas where trucks are staged to unload/dump their materials. The active deck is continually modified and adjusted to meet operational needs (fill patterns, special waste jobs, GCCS construction, etc.). A typical site plan and traffic pattern is shown below in Figure 3.

**Figure 3.** Un-Tarpping/Staging/Active Deck Areas



# Dry Creek Shop

The combination of foot and vehicle traffic around the shop site can potentially cause traffic congestion. Awareness of surroundings is important for continued safety. This area is shown below in Figure 4.

Figure 4. Site Plan Dry Creek Shop



# Rogue Compost

Most of the traffic to and from the Rogue Compost production site is controlled by Oak Leaf Transport. In order to increase visibility for traffic entering and exiting the Rogue Compost site, the speed limit is reduced to 20 mph directly before the compost facility.

Figure 5. Site Plan Rogue Compost



## ON-SITE COMMUNICATION

CB radios are recommended while on site, as on-site communication is conducted through CB Channel 24 for the landfill and CB Channel 10 for Rogue Compost.

Rogue Disposal and Recycling does not have CB communication, but utilizes in-house radio communication with Dry Creek personnel.

CB use is limited to operational related communication. We expect everyone to maintain professional conduct at all times. This means, absolutely no swearing, off-color language, or inappropriate jokes are permitted. We are committed to providing a work environment free of offensiveness or harassment. We feel strongly that everyone is treated with dignity and respect and will monitor customers and employees alike.

If a customer does not have a working CB, the scale house attendant will direct them from the scales, via the call box, to the staging area where they will wait for an escort to the active deck.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Everyone on-site must have proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) prior to exiting their vehicles.

- **Body and Foot Protection**

- Long pants

- Minimum 6" lace-up boots with puncture resistant sole

- **High-Visibility Vest**

- ANSI Class II traffic safety vest

- **Head Protection**

- Hard hat

If you do not have the proper PPE, the driver may not exit the vehicle.

# HIGH-TRAFFIC AREAS

High-traffic areas include the HWY 140 scale house, back-up scales, staging area, active deck, Rogue Compost production site and Dry Creek Shop. The following rules will be applicable to all persons on-site.

- **Observe the speed limits posted on-site**
  - Speed limit through the bypass lane at the scales is 20 mph
  - From exiting the scales, the speed limit is 35 mph to the truck wash (apart from the 20 mph outside of the Rogue Compost production site due to rough road conditions)
  - Speed limit is 15 mph on all unpaved roads
- **Follow all posted traffic directions and other posted signs**
- **Safety belts must be worn by driver and all passengers in a moving vehicle**
- **Use of cell phones while operating a vehicle or equipment is prohibited**
- **DO NOT PASS any moving vehicles**
- **Maintain a minimum of 10 ft. spacing between vehicles when parking in high traffic areas**
- **Honk your horn when you are prepared to move – especially when backing up**
- **Maintain awareness of other vehicles (and drivers) when traveling in high traffic areas**

Drivers violating these rules will be given one verbal warning either by radio or in person. If a second violation is observed, the driver will be asked to leave the landfill property for a minimum of 30 days. After 30 days, they or their contracted company, can request that they be allowed to return to the site again.

# HOT ZONE

Anyone working at, or visiting the Dry Creek Landfill property, must exercise extreme caution and awareness at all times. Traffic patterns on the deck are determined by the site signage. Landfill personnel will direct trucks where to dump by CB radio.

- Maintain awareness of all personnel within 15 ft. of your vehicle
- As a reminder, with equipment operators, if you can't see them, they can't see you
- Please follow the directions of Dry Creek Personnel, and if you have any questions, use the CB to contact the Dozer Operator
- Give the right-of-way to trucks pulling out. Do not back up to the tipper or working face until instructed to do so
- While material is being unloaded, all drivers need to remain in their vehicles
- Leave a minimum of 10 ft. between vehicles when dumping
- Know your blind spots and ask for help if you are unsure of clearance
- Cell phone use is prohibited while on the active deck
- No salvaging or smoking on the property
- **Do not walk across active deck/Hot Zone AT ANY TIME**
- Never stand under a raised tailgate
- Never walk or drive behind a backing vehicle
- Before departing the active deck, inspect your vehicle, and remove any debris before leaving
- Be sure tailgates, hoists, and doors are closed before leaving
- Clean out and un-tarp in designated areas
- Minimum 50 ft. spacing while end dumps are dumping

# TIPPERS

Tipper drivers may back on to an available tipper, once the driver has opened the tailgate and disconnected from the tractor, they are ready to tip. The driver must wait for the letter of the tipper they are on to be identified, and approval to tip is granted. Tipping a load without prior approval may result in removal from the landfill. Once the trailer is empty, the operator will notify the driver; the driver will lower the trailer and re-connect the tractor. The driver must pull off the tipper immediately to allow the next truck to approach the tipper.

- **All PPE must be worn while using the tipper (hard hat, vest, pants, boots, gloves)**
- **Maintain awareness of all personnel at all times**
- **Do not step off the tipper at any time**
- **Do not walk in front of the truck on the tipper**
- **Do not tip the trailer if a machine is behind the tipper**
- **Do not tip until you are told to tip**

# CLEANING THE DECK OF THE TIPPER

First, the tipper needs to be taken “out of service” to do so, lift at least one ramp of the tipper and put the safety chain in place. This is the preferred way to take a tipper out of service, other acceptable ways are parking a site vehicle on or in front of the ramps or parking a piece of equipment on front of the ramps. The goal is to keep a tipper truck from entering the tipper while you are cleaning it. Cones are not acceptable. Next, using shovels, clear the back of the tipper deck of any trash or debris that may have fallen, do not climb on the upper deck of the tipper as there is no fall protection. When the tipper cleaning is complete, place the tipper back in service by removing the safety chain and lower the ramps or moving the site vehicle out of the way.

## ALL STOP

When you hear honking and calls across the CB for “ALL STOP” this requires everyone to **ALL STOP IN PLACE** until you are told to proceed over the CB radio.

## EMERGENCY PLAN

Depending on the type and location of the emergency, an evacuation notification may be communicated via audible and visual alarm. For detailed evacuation procedures, see the Emergency Action Plan in the Rogue Waste, Inc. Operations Plan.

The general response to an emergency is as follows:

- Assess the situation and its impact upon human health, the environment, and operation of the facility
- Determine the immediate response required, with emphasis on public and operator safety
- Notify the appropriate services (911) and regulatory agencies as soon as possible
- If emergency personnel are required, a site representative will meet them at the front gate and escort them to the location where their services are needed

## SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Should there be an emergency situation, such as an evacuation, you will be notified by site personnel for instructions. Please remain at your exact location until you receive instructions from site personnel.

All visitors approved to enter the Hot Zone must be accompanied by site personnel.

To report an emergency or safety concern, please contact:

- Dry Creek Landfill Assistant District Manager  
Josh Stanley  
[Joshua.Stanley@wasteconnections.com](mailto:Joshua.Stanley@wasteconnections.com)  
541.554.1066
- Dry Creek Operations Supervisor  
Ben Shannon  
[Bshannon@wcnx.org](mailto:Bshannon@wcnx.org)  
541.816.0430

# TOURS

Dry Creek Landfill is a working facility and should be respected as such. Under no circumstances is a visitor allowed to engage in any activity that deviates from the safe environment that we create.

To ensure the safety of visitors to the site, it is required that they follow all instructions, both verbal and written.

- **Tours will be given by qualified Rogue Waste, Inc. employees that are familiar with site safety rules**
- **All visitors must sign-in prior to touring the facility and sign-out at their departure. This process allows us to account for all persons on-site in the event of an emergency.**
- **Visitors must stay with their group, on the tour route, at all times.**
- **Dress for the weather. Avoid clothing that may impede walking and using stairs. Avoid clothing that may become entangled (such as scarves). Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Closed toe is required.**
- **Attendees are required to wear high visibility safety vests and protective eyewear. If on the active face, attendees are required to wear a hard hat as well.**
- **Cell phone use is prohibited. Photos may be taken only with prior approval by site management.**
- **There should be one Rogue Waste Employee for every 10 visitors, for those 13 and older**
- **Site management reserves the right to cancel or suspend any tour at any time**

# **HOT ZONE HANDOUT**

- **PPE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES**
- **REMAIN WITHIN ARM'S REACH  
OF YOUR VEHICLE**
- **NO CELL PHONE USE IN  
DISPOSAL AREA**