



INTENT

The intent of this policy is to promote the safe, healthy and respectable use of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Reuse Sheds through the development and implementation of appropriate use strategies.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Reuse Shed’s exist to provide residents and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District opportunities to:

1. promote the waste management hierarchy and benefits of reduce and reuse;
2. provide diversion opportunities;
3. permit patrons to acquire useable materials in a safe manner at no cost; and
4. prevent scavenging by providing a specific location where patrons can acquire useable materials.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Reuse Sheds located at SLRD Solid Waste Facilities.

GOALS OF THE POLICY

1. To provide reuse opportunities and divert useable waste from landfill.
2. To prevent unsafe and inappropriate behaviour among patrons and site Attendants.
3. To communicate through action the importance of circular economies.
4. To provide guidelines for Attendants and patrons.
5. To specify accepted and prohibited items.

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GUIDELINES

1. The Reuse Shed will be operated by the Landfill/Transfer Station attendant, contractor, or their agents (collectively called the “Attendant”), during regular posted hours of operation;
2. The Attendant will approve items based on the accepted/prohibited list within the policy;
3. The Attendant, at their discretion, can refuse items on the accepted list if items are:
 - a. not clean
 - b. not in reusable condition;
 - c. duplicates or multiples; and
 - d. difficult to handle and require specific tools / machinery.
4. The Attendant will follow the Policy and site Operational Guidelines in order to ensure reasonable precautions to protect the wellbeing of the public and other Attendants;
5. Access and egress points, will be kept free of any impediments, obstructions, hazards, obstacles, flammable materials, or other potential materials that could cause a fire hazard;
6. Attendants will not hoard, sell, exchange, or barter items under any circumstances;
7. Items will be contained within the designated shelter;
8. Tipping fees will not be applied to items unless specified by the Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaws for the site;
9. The Attendant will organize a clean-up at the end of each month involving removal of items that are:
 - a. out of season;
 - b. damaged,
 - c. in multiple; and
 - d. in exceedance of one month.

Removal as per above will involve discard into the regular waste stream, contributions to another Reuse Shed, donations to charity, or alternate suitable options;

10. The Attendant will not assist patrons with the drop or removal of any items;
11. Proper lifting techniques as per the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) guidelines should be followed to avoid injury;
12. There are no limits to the number of items a patron can drop or remove at any one time, unless not approved by the Attendant as per the Policy;
13. Patrons must limit visit to 15 minutes maximum;

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14. Violent or abusive behaviours such as verbal threats and insults, attempts to intimidate as well as physical assault and battery have no place at the Reuse Shed; and
15. Once items are removed from the Reuse Shed they are the responsibility of the patron and the SLRD assumes no responsibility.

ENFORCEMENT

Individual(s) who breach guidelines of use will be requested to leave the Reuse Shed immediately. Depending on the severity of the incident, a further ban from the Reuse Shed for a period of time as determined by the Director of Environmental Services, or designate, may be imposed in accordance with the procedures herein.

Enforcement Procedures:

Attendants who witness a breach of the Reuse Guidelines or to whom a breach is reported will:

1. Assess the situation;
2. If the situation warrants, issue a verbal request to the patron to refrain from the prohibited activity;
3. If the situation is not resolved by verbal request, issue verbal warning to patron to refrain from the prohibited activity or they will be asked to leave the Reuse Shed;
4. If the situation is still unresolved after a verbal warning, issue verbal direction to patron to leave the property, citing the reason as failure to refrain from the prohibited activity;
5. Upon refusal by patron to leave, call RCMP;
6. Advise Director of Environmental Services of breach and action taken; and
7. Prepare a report including: description of activity provoking enforcement, action taken, identification of patron including name, phone number, and address (if known).

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Signs will be utilized to advise the public of the liability and potential risks, dangers and hazards of Reuse Shed use.
2. Attendants will also follow the site-specific operational guidelines as they relate to Reuse Sheds.

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ACCEPTED MATERIALS

1. Chairs;
2. Small Furniture;
3. Toys;
4. Dishes;
5. Housewares;
6. Sporting Goods;
7. Garden Equipment; and
8. Tools.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

1. Hazardous/ Toxic Materials;
2. Cloth Items (i.e. fabric, carpets, curtains, clothing - unless specified otherwise, etc.);
3. Fabric Upholstered Furniture
4. Refrigeration Units and Air Conditioners;
5. Appliances and Electrical Devices;
6. Food;
7. Liquids;
8. Mattresses / Box Springs;
9. Items with Safety Certifications;
10. Automotive Parts;
11. Metal;
12. Tires;
13. Building Materials;
14. Real or Replica Weapons; and
15. Wildlife Attractants.

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