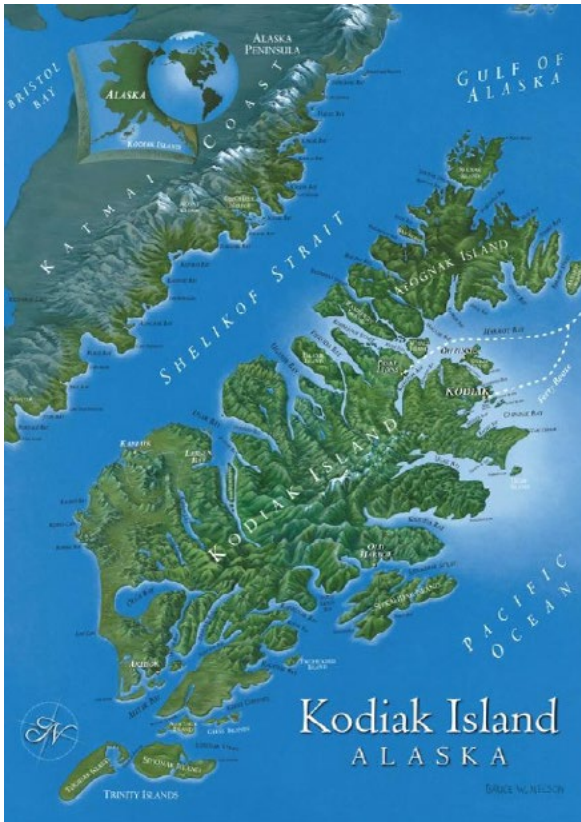


Residential Guide to Managing Trash on Kodiak Island



A cooperative effort between
the Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska Connections,
Base Kodiak, Threshold Services,
and the citizens of Kodiak.

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This booklet is a guide for residents to understand how to manage trash within the Kodiak Island Borough (KIB). One of the main objectives of the KIB Solid Waste Plan is to increase the diversion rate of waste – that is to keep as much as possible out of the landfill.

The residents of Kodiak Island are working together to reduce waste, reuse products, and recycle what we have left. We have to pay to get rid of our waste whether it is buried in the ground or recycled. Therefore our first goal is to reduce the amount of waste we generate.

All expenses for collecting and disposing of solid waste within the Kodiak Island Borough are funded solely by garbage fees. Every citizen pays to manage trash. Costs are kept down when residents responsibly and efficiently dispose of trash.

There are many options to divert waste before it ends up in the landfill. Think of the landfill as the last resort.

The Kodiak Island Borough is responsible for collecting household & commercial refuse, coordinating the recycling and waste reduction programs, and operating the landfill.

What you do really matters.

Did you know?

Your monthly garbage fee pays for services in addition to garbage collection. Read on...

Kodiak Island Borough Landfill/Baler Facility

1203 Monashka Bay Road

486-9345

Drop off hours:

Monday - Saturday

10 am to 4 pm



FREE Disposal of Residential Trash

- Up to 500 pounds of residential garbage
- furniture • appliances • miscellaneous household trash
- car and marine batteries • yard waste

Up to 40 pounds of household hazardous waste

- paint, paint thinner • lawn chemicals • household chemicals • used oil • tires, without rims (8)

To dispose of large items such as mattresses, televisions and appliances call Alaska Waste to inquire about a special pick-up or take it to the landfill for free. Be sure to cover and tie down the refuse to avoid littering and shifting loads.

Trash Collection

The Borough contracts with Alaska Waste for trash pick-up services. The collection system includes weekly pickup for household garbage within the roll cart service areas and designated dumpsters and roll offs outside the roll cart service areas.

All homeowners are responsible to pay for the sustainable system in their service area. Rates are established by the Borough and Alaska Waste to reflect the costs of collection and disposal at the landfill.

Alaska Waste

1621 Mill Bay Road

486-5308

8 am-4:30 pm

Collections operations run Tuesday through Thursday for residential cart customers and Monday through Sunday for dumpsters and roll offs. Trash is collected on all legal holidays except Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Scheduled collection occurs the day following these holidays.

Roll Cart Service

Alaska Waste services 1,526 residential roll cart customers.

Residents select a 32, 64 or 96-gallon container when contracting for collection. Roll carts are the property of Alaska Waste and assigned a unique number per residence.

The cost of roll cart service depends upon the size selected for weekly collection, ranging from \$30.46 to \$39.88 per month. Seniors 65 or older are eligible for a discount and special arrangements can be provided for residents who are physically unable to place carts out for collections. Please call Alaska Waste if this applies.

Roll carts must be placed at the curb or roadside by 6:00 am on the scheduled collection day. Containers must face the street and be 3 feet from cars, buildings, or other obstacles. Containers must be able to close completely. Do not over fill.

Collection can be at any time between 6 am and 3 pm. Routes are run in a consistent sequence which helps you to predict pick-up time. Please bag all materials placed in the roll cart. Heavy items should be hauled to the landfill, along with oversized items (i.e. TV, chairs, mattresses...)

Deodorizing Tip:

Just a small amount of vanilla extract in your container will eliminate most odors.

To report a container missing or needing repair, call Alaska Waste at 486-5308.

A roll cart with unacceptable materials will not be emptied. (i.e. paint, batteries, florescent bulbs...) Your container lid must close completely - otherwise it will be considered overloaded and additional charges may apply. Additional charges may also occur for repeatedly overloading containers. Excess garbage may be bagged separately and placed beside the container for an additional pickup charge of \$6.87 per bag. This is a good option for during the holidays once all recyclables have been sorted out.

Residential Dumpster & Roll Off Service

Kodiak residents who live outside of the roll cart service areas haul their solid waste to a dumpster or roll off to dispose of it. The containers are maintained and serviced by Alaska Waste. The current rate for everyone in the service area is \$41.88 per month. You are expected to place securely bagged solid waste inside of the container and close the lid or door after use.

Residential dumpsters range in size and have lids that open on the top of the container. The container is serviced on a regular schedule by a front end loader truck. Roll off containers are large and equipped with multiple hinged doors. The container is hauled to the landfill, emptied and then returned to its site.

The Borough and Alaska Waste work together to locate dumpsters and roll offs for the most efficient and economical residential service. Call Alaska Waste or go to http://www.alaskawaste.net/kod_res.htm

Remodeling?

Contact Alaska Waste to arrange for a construction and demolition project dumpster to be delivered on site.

The Kodiak Unified Bear Subcommittee (KUBS) also participates in regular planning sessions to help reduce bear interaction with trash and people during periods of high activity. Contact Alaska Waste to report a bear near waste sites. Contact Alaska Department of Fish & Game to report a bear in town.

Recycling is a volume business. In Kodiak, the more you recycle the less it costs us to recycle:

It saves our resources as fewer have to be used to make products.

There is a substantial energy savings. It takes FAR less energy to make aluminum cans from aluminum rather than bauxite ore.

Saving energy means reducing pollution.

Recycling Services

Kodiak Island Borough contracts with Threshold Services to provide comprehensive recycling services at their facility.

Items accepted for FREE are limited to:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Mixed paper
- Stretchable plastic

Please rinse all containers, remove bottle caps, flatten boxes and be sure not to sort out items Threshold is not able to accept.

When in doubt, throw it out!

There is currently no glass recycling on Kodiak Island. It's a goal we can work towards as a community.

Threshold Services, Inc.

380 Von Scheele Way

486-6551

Tuesday-Saturday

11am to 6:30pm

Litter

What you do really matters.

Every citizen pays for trash that is disposed of incorrectly or illegally. There is the cost associated with someone else cleaning it up, it can present a serious health hazard, and it destroys the exceptional beauty of the landscape.

Help inform friends and neighbors of the simple steps to responsibly manage trash.

To report litter and illegal dumping contact the Kodiak Island Borough Code Enforcement Officer at 486-9364. Disposing of trash illegally is a violation of regulation.

Did you know?

Some items reach a life limit and can be disposed of for a nominal fee. They contain toxic materials and should not be disposed of in the land fill.

- Threshold accepts fluorescent tube bulbs & electronics
486-6551
- Nick's Auto Wrecking & Metal Recycling accepts vehicles
487-2755

Base Kodiak provides collection and recycling services to residents living on base. Landfill disposal fees paid to the Borough contribute to the cost of solid waste management.

Annual Community Clean-Up Day

Every year on the first Saturday in May a community-wide cleanup is organized. Litter is bagged up by volunteers throughout the road system. The Borough and community partners sponsor free or reduced disposal of hazardous waste materials and electronics. The landfill also accepts additional waste for free on clean-up day and the following Saturday.

Join the campaign to

Spruce Up Kodiak!

Share your ideas to reduce and divert waste from the landfill. When you see a neighbor doing their part to Spruce Up Kodiak! take a photo and send it to the KIB Engineering and Facilities Department.

For more information and helpful resources:

- Kodiak Island Borough Facilities and Engineering
www.kodiakak.us 486-9343
- Threshold Services
www.thresholdkodiak.org 486-6551
- Alaska Waste
www.alaskawaste.com 486-5308

Be Bear Aware

Contact Alaska Waste to report bear activity around waste sites.
To report bears in town call the
Alaska Department of Fish & Game at 486-1880.



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