

Port of Lopez Proposed Solid Waste Services

The Port of Lopez proposes to provide a comprehensive range of solid waste services to local residents. Key objectives will provide waste disposal, recycling, and reuse services in a progressive, environmentally-friendly manner under local control at a reasonable cost, while observing all applicable requirements and regulations. The program is to be funded by a mix of tax revenue, user fees for garbage disposal, and sale of recyclable materials.

Services to be provided:

- Self-haul garbage collection for households and businesses at the Lopez drop box facility and transportation of collected garbage to an appropriate disposal facility.
- Self-haul, source-separated recycling services. At a minimum this will include recycling of the following categories of materials:

Aluminum cans	Glass
Tin cans	Steel scrap
Cardboard	Aluminum scrap
Newspaper	Refrigerators
Mixed paper	Other appliances
#1 clear PET	
#2 plastic	

- Continued volunteer operation of the Take-It or Leave-It reuse on the Lopez Facility site
- Hazardous waste disposal in partnership with SJC. The County will continue to include annual household hazardous waste collections at the Lopez facility as it has in recent years assuming that grant funding will continue through Department of Ecology.
- Provide for collection and processing of Oil, Antifreeze and Batteries.
- Other services, including but not limited to operation of the existing Lopez reuse facility, recycling activities beyond minimum state requirements, composting, disposal of beach waste and road litter, and disposal of e-waste, to the extent that any or all of these are financially feasible, permitted by law, and contribute to the goal of environmentally sound solid waste practices. The Port intends to continue to provide weed and litter disposal at no charge. Composting as referred to above

does not include processing on this site. It is only the collection of separated compost materials to be transferred to a remote compost processing facility.

- Obtaining and holding any and all required permits. Permits currently held by the county will be transferred to the PoL at the time of transfer of operational control. Port will be responsible for all operational aspects of permit compliance.

Funding Sources and Uses

Funds for capital and operational needs will come from a mix of sources, including

1. New tax revenue
2. Tipping fees for solid waste
3. Sale of recycle materials

Funds collected for Solid Waste will be segregated from general port funds. Any surplus of tax revenue over and above what is needed for operations will be allocated, in order of priority, to:

1. Repayment of startup expenses
2. Capital improvements required for continued operations and service improvements
3. Additional services to meet community needs
4. Reduction of disposal fees
5. Reduction of the property tax level collected by the Port for solid waste

Other Items

- The Port will retain full local control over fees and hours of operation for the Lopez facility.
- The Port will retain key employees now working for the county.