

Surcharge for Uncovered Loads Arriving at the Landfill to Increase to \$10

In February 2008, the District implemented a \$5 surcharge on unsecured loads, in an effort to reduce the amount of litter found on access roads to the Mission Landfill. The \$5 surcharge resulted in the percentage of unsecured loads dropping from approximately 55% to 31% within two months and to 11% over the next three months. Since July 2008, the percentage of uncovered loads arriving at the landfill has remained unchanged at 6%.

While the \$5 surcharge has proven effective in reducing the percentage of unsecured loads arriving at the landfill, it only takes one unsecured load to create a mess along access roads. It is, therefore, important that all landfill customers make an effort to keep their waste materials on their vehicles, until they arrive at the landfill.

Provided that the last twelve months have not shown any further reduction in uncovered loads arriving at the landfill, the surcharge for uncovered loads will be increased to \$10, effective October 1st, 2009. Funds collected from the surcharge are used to support cleanup activities.

Please also remember to sort your loads, to keep recyclables and compostable materials out of the landfill. Sorting will save you money, as blue-bag recyclables, cardboard, scrap metal, metal appliances, empty propane tanks and automotive batteries are accepted free of charge. In addition, unsorted loads are assessed a 50% surcharge for the weight of the entire load.

Questions can be directed to the Environmental Coordinator at 604-820-3795. Thank you for being part of the solution!