

July 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a hearing on fee schedules for the Transfer Station. The hearing itself is on Monday at 5:30 in the Teton County BCC Meeting Room.

The fee schedule is very important for recycling as it provides a financial incentive to separate garbage. The proposed fees will be

\$90 a ton for unsorted waste

\$30 a ton for sorted waste - large volumes

Households who bring their waste to the transfer station will pay a \$3 minimum for unsorted and can bring in sorted waste for free.

The Construction and Demolition Pit will be available by permit only for special uses. None of the contractors have met the DEQ codes, so all waste will now be heavily monitored.

TVCR supports all incentives that encourage separation and reduction of the waste stream.

The new fee schedule will:

1. Enable TVCR to improve recycling opportunities
2. Increase the local reuse of materials
3. Reduce the cost of transporting materials to Mud Lake/ Create Butte Landfill
4. Reduce our communities carbon foot print

A short note about transfer station management

Terra Firma Organics contract was for one year which ends this November. TVCR is working to make sure the County's new Transfer Station Management proposal includes incentives to maximize local re-use, composting and meaningful recycling.

We hope to see Terra Firma hired again as they have been very pro-active in helping establish programs, taking on a great deal of costs beyond the contract to establish municipal composting and increase local re-use of our materials.

If you approve of increased source separation and like the work Terra Firma has performed since November please let the Commissioners know (again, comments can be sent to Dawn or directly to the Teton County Court House).

In closing, we remind you that TVCR receives no financial support from Teton County beyond the ground where the bins reside. We are now included in the foot print of the new management plan, but so far all related costs remain ours. We have been focusing our efforts on integrating waste reduction and re-use as guiding principles for future county waste management and budgets. Much of work is behind the scenes, but we are seeing enormous progress which you should see in September, so please donate what you can to TVCR through the Tin Cup Fun Run. Your help now will create a permanent program that makes sense/cents for Teton Valley.

Look for details in our upcoming newsletter.

Thank you for support.

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