



FREE STORE



- ▶ The Free Store is currently **reopening on a TRIAL BASIS.**

All Free Store rules and policies are to be respected and followed by everyone at all times to ensure the safety of the Lillooet landfill staff and the public.

- ▶ **Disregarding the Free Store rules and policies may lead to a closure of the Free Store.**

WHAT IS THE FREE STORE?



The Lillooet Free Store provides a space for people to discard of gently used and reusable items they no longer need, to then be taken by those who do need them. All items are free.

The Free Store is a service for the community provided by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Lillooet landfill operators. The purpose of the Free Store is to divert materials from the landfill.



FREE STORE RULES

- ▶ Safe use of the Free Store is required at all times.
- ▶ The usage of the Free Store must happen in such a manner that neither patrons nor landfill operators are exposed to any danger or risk at any time.
- ▶ Be respectful towards attendants and other patrons at all times.
- ▶ Please leave the Free Store clean and tidy.
- ▶ Accepted items can be picked up and dropped off free of charge.
- ▶ Absolutely no drop-off or pick-up outside of opening hours.

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ACCEPTED ITEMS

- ✓ Items must be in **usable** form or need **minimal repair**
- ✓ Items must be reasonably **clean**
- ✓ Items at the Free Store are **donated** at your discretion
- ✓ Please be sure items are left in a **safe** form and their reuse does not pose any danger to others

NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Broken items
- ✗ Flammable waste
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Chemical waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Food
- ✗ Mirrors or glass without frames
- ✗ Potentially dangerous items
- ✗ Items which the attendant determines to be garbage

FREE STORE POLICY

FREE STORE POLICY – SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

The following guidelines will be followed at all Free Stores located at Solid Waste Facilities in the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD). The guidelines will apply to all items handled in a Free Store.

The purpose of a "Free Store" is to:

- a) reduce the incidence of otherwise usable articles being consigned to the landfill;
- b) permit patrons to acquire these articles fairly, easily, and at no cost; and
- c) prevent scavenging.

GUIDELINES

A) ATTENDANTS

1. Free Stores 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 take every reasonable precaution to ensure that "due diligence" is demonstrated in order to protect the well being of the public, co-workers, or employees.
3. Free Stores, especially access or exit points and stairs, will be kept free of any impediments, obstructions, hazards, obstacles, flammable materials, or other potential materials that could cause a fire hazard.
4. The Attendant will provide all persons entering a Free Store with an SLRD waiver.
5. Free Store Items (FSIs) will not be hoarded, sold, exchanged, or bartered for under any circumstances at a Free Store.
6. FSIs will be stored in a manner that ensures the FSIs do not present a risk to patrons.
7. FSIs will be contained within or near a designated shelter or area at a Free Store. Those items that are too large for the shelter will be collected as close to the Free Store as possible and away from any collection piles (e.g. tires, scrap metal, batteries, etc.) at the Free Store.
8. FSIs that can't be exposed to the elements (e.g. clothing, functioning appliances, furniture, computer equipment and other electronics, etc.) will be given shelter or cover if available.
9. The Attendant will determine what FSIs will be accepted in the Free Store, not the patron.
10. Incoming FSIs received at the Free Store will be charged the appropriate tipping fee, if such a fee would be applicable if the item were going into the regular waste stream. This fee is considered a handling charge and will also cover the cost of the item in the event nobody claims it and it must be disposed of into the regular waste stream.
11. FSIs will be offered to any patron at no cost, regardless of whether the patron has contributed an FSI.
12. FSIs will only be retained in the Free Store for six months. The Attendant will keep track of the length of time that a FSI is kept in the Free Store. The Attendant will remove any FSI that has been in the Free Store for longer than 6 months and either discard the FSI into the regular waste stream, contribute it to another Free Store, donate it to a charity, or deal with it via another suitable option.
13. The following items will not be accepted in the Free Store:
 - a) hazardous, toxic, or other dangerous materials;
 - b) non-functioning items; and
 - c) items that may attract wildlife or vectors.
14. The Attendant will not assist patrons with the removal of any FSIs.
15. For FSIs that are large, bulky, awkward or heavy, patrons must follow full Workers Compensation Board (WCB) guidelines for proper lifting techniques to avoid injury.
16. For an FSI that is difficult to handle, the Attendant may request that the patron provide the appropriate tools for removing that FSI (e.g. additional help, appropriate machinery, etc.). All additional costs to remove a FSI will be paid for by the patron.
17. In the event of an injury to a patron or damage to personal property of a patron, the Attendant will document details concerning the incident in the on-site logbook.

B) PATRONS

1. Before entering a Free Store, a patron must read carefully and sign a waiver provided by the Attendant.
2. There are no limits to the number of FSIs that can be removed at one time by any given patron.
3. If a FSI is returned to a Free Store, the appropriate tipping fee will be charged, if such a fee would be applicable to the item if it were going into the regular waste stream.
4. The SLRD assumes no responsibility for FSIs or the actions of patrons. Once FSIs are removed from the Free Store they become the responsibility of the patron.
5. Patrons are expected to remove all FSIs on their own, irrespective of their size or weight. Patrons must follow full WCB guidelines for proper lifting techniques to avoid injury. Patrons must recognize personal limits to adequately handle a difficult item.
6. For FSIs that are difficult to handle, the Attendant may request that the patron provide the appropriate tools for removing that FSI (e.g. additional help, appropriate machinery, etc.). All additional costs to remove a FSI will be paid for by the patron.
7. In the event of an injury to a patron or damage to personal property of a patron, the patron will cooperate with the Attendant and provide all necessary information for the on-site logbook.

C) SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

1. The SLRD assumes no responsibility for FSIs or the actions of patrons.
2. The SLRD retains the right to direct an Attendant to clean up or clear out the Free Store at any time. If FSIs must be cleaned-up or cleared out, the Attendant will either discard the FSIs into the regular waste stream, contribute it to another Free Store, donate it to a charity, or deal with it via another suitable option.