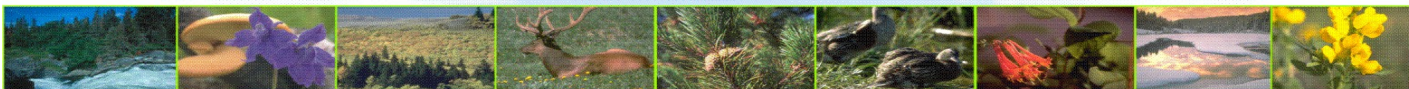


Animal Management at Solid Waste Disposal Sites



The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment regulates most solid waste disposal sites in Saskatchewan.

Operators must report sightings of predatory animal accessing waste disposal sites to a local Ministry of Environment office or to the TIP line.



For more information:

- on solid waste disposal site operational requirements, contact your local Environmental Project Officer
- on animal management, contact your local Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment office, a Conservation Officer, an Environmental Project Officer or the ministry's inquiry line: 1-800-567-4224

Solid waste disposal sites, particularly those located in boreal forest areas or sites poorly operated may attract large predators such as wolves and bears. Large predators accustomed to the presence of humans can become a safety concern for people who live and work in the area.

Goal: To prevent predatory animal attacks upon people who work near or use solid waste disposal sites.

The owners/operators of all waste disposal sites, such as landfills and transfer stations, shall assume the responsibility of taking adequate safety measures to prevent the presence of predatory animals at their sites. Such safety measures may include, but are not limited to:

- providing education and information to the public about safety issues arising from predatory animals frequenting these sites;
- keeping the working face at landfills to a minimum by compacting and covering waste more frequently and preventing exposed and or blown litter;
- providing deterrence to predators and/or securing the site with appropriate barriers such as an appropriate fence with easy-to-operate gates (where ground conditions allow). Animal-proof containers may be appropriate for transfer sites;
- supervising and monitoring the site during operational hours and reporting sightings of predatory animals at these sites to the area conservation officer; and
- clearing areas adjacent to these sites of bush and tall grass that can serve as cover for predatory animals.

Animal Management Plan

In order to ensure that appropriate attention is given to the safety of people who use a solid waste disposal site or work or live nearby, the owners of all existing operational sites are now required to assess their sites for any risk to public safety which may arise from the attraction or presence of predatory animals. This applies to both operational landfills and transfer stations. At operational sites where the owner determines there is a significant risk of attracting large predators or where predators are known to be present, an Animal Management Plan shall be developed and implemented by March 31, 2010. The requirement for an Animal Management Plan is also effective upon commissioning of any new site. Operators of all pre-existing operational sites are required to submit a copy of this plan to the Ministry of Environment by March 31, 2010.

The Animal Management Plan should demonstrate measures taken to address such risk(s) by including the following information:

- methods used to circulate information and provide education and notification to the public and staff training regarding safety issues at and/or near these sites;
- methods used to prevent the presence of predatory animals such as: (a) frequency of compacting and covering waste; (b) enclosing the site with an appropriate fence and/or controlled gated entry; and/or (c) providing animal proof containers; and
- methods of monitoring and reporting such as: (a) site supervision during operational hours; and (b) providing signage with appropriate contact information for reporting predatory animals at the waste disposal site and the occurrence of any wild animal encounter at or near a waste disposal site.



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