General

A rural transfer station is a facility where solid waste materials, including yard waste, demolition materials, and household refuse, are transferred from small vehicles to large trucks for efficient transport to landfills, recycling centers, and other disposal sites.

Rural sanitary landfills and transfer stations can be owned by municipalities or private individuals. For consistency in treatment, these facilities should all be signed the same way.

Standard

An **ID-103L/R** Sanitary Landfill or Waste Transfer Station sign is installed on provincial highways to guide motorists to these rural community facility sites for the disposal of their waste materials.

The standard size of a Sanitary Landfill or Waste Transfer Station (ID-103L/R) sign is **variable** width and **600 mm** height.

The facility name put on the sign can be either the name of the private owner or municipality, or it could be a special name in likeness to some local geographic feature or nearby settlement.

The distance to the facility from the highway may be included on the sign as shown, rounded to the nearest km.

The minimum lettering size on the Sanitary Landfill sign should be **150 mm** (Highway Font D).

Guidelines for Use

The operator/owner of the sanitary landfill/waste transfer station must submit an application to one of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices in order to have signs approved along the highway.

To qualify for a Sanitary Landfill or Waste Transfer Station sign, the facility should be accessible from a provincial highway and located within a reasonable distance from that highway (preferably not exceeding 25 kilometres).

A Sanitary Landfill or Waste Transfer Station with a sign should also comply with all related provincial environmental regulations. It is the responsibility of the facility owner/operator to ensure that these regulations are met.
After reviewing an application, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will issue a Letter of Approval allowing for the placement of signs within the highway right-of-way.

A listing of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices and an example of the required sign application is provided at the following website:

http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/613.htm

Guidelines for Placement

The Sanitary Landfill or Waste Transfer Station sign should be placed within the highway right-of-way. Sign placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline.

Two signs, one for each direction of travel, will be allowed for a facility access point intersection and should be placed 200 to 300 metres in advance of the access, or at the start of the taper if one exists.

However, other signs located in the vicinity of the access point may affect the placement of ID-103L/R signs. The signs should be supported by standard wooden posts.

Where a sanitary landfill or waste transfer station can be accessed from more than one highway, signs should only be placed at the nearest highway access.

Installation and Maintenance

The requirements for fabricating, installing and maintaining Sanitary Landfill/Waste Transfer Station signs are outlined in the Recommended Practices guideline entitled General Provisions for Installing Private Signs within the Highway Right-Of-Way.

All costs associated with fabricating, installing and maintaining signs will be the responsibility of the sign applicant.

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