

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

From: Frank Gifford, Public Works Director *FG*

Agenda Date: March 19, 2012

Subject: Waiver of Tipping Fee for groups participating in annual volunteer 'Earth Day Cleanup' Events

Statement of Issue:

The Board of Commissioners has indicated, through Resolution 74-95 as amended, that it will consider waiving fees for an activity that is in the public interest and of public benefit on a case-by-case basis.

Public Works is requesting a waiver of the tipping fee at the County Solid Waste Facilities for volunteer groups bringing materials collected from public roads and lands only as part of the annual 'Earth Day Cleanup' events.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's:

This project is of public benefit. Using volunteers to clean up garbage and litter dumped along roadways, waterways and on other public land supplements other volunteer programs (Adopt-a-Highway, for example), creates a less hazardous environment for all county citizens, and fosters cooperation between the County and its citizens.

Disposal of trash collected by volunteer groups on Earth Day will be otherwise unfunded, and participation in such events likely to decline, if this fee waiver is not available.

One waiver letter will be provided to each pre-approved volunteer group requesting a waiver, valid for two days only. Groups must agree to separate out all recyclable and hazardous materials, and dispose of them at the Recycle or Hazardous Waste Facilities respectively, and will be informed of when they are open. A sample waiver request and authorization letter is attached for reference.

This project supports County goal #3; Maintain and enhance environmental quality.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:

The exact fiscal impact will not be known until the number of groups that wish to participate and their locations are determined. Fee waivers have been approved for Earth Day cleanups in previous years, and the costs paid from the Community Services Division of the County Administrator's Budget (90%) and the Roads funds (10%). Since 1999 the total disposal costs waived has averaged less than \$130.


Recommendation:

Public Works recommends that the Board of County Commissioners directs Public Works to process requests for tipping fee waivers associated with Earth Day cleanup events, as it has the past four (4) years. Public Works also recommends that the funding for such waivers be directed to come from the Community Services Division of the County Administrator's Budget and the Roads Fund as stated above. A sample fee waiver letter is attached for reference.

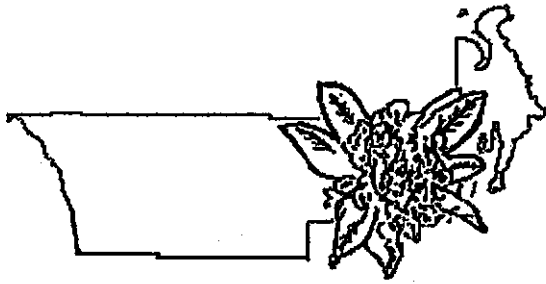
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Organization or Name: **To Be Determined**

Cleanup Location: **To Be Determined**

To Earth Day Participant,

This letter authorizes the vehicle driver to dump, without charge, materials collected from public roads and lands only by volunteers during Earth Day litter and dumping cleanup.

This letter is valid for one (1) day's use, during the week of April 23rd, 2012, at the Transfer Station off Jacob Miller Road, or at the Quilcene Drop-Box Site.

PLEASE GIVE THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENDANT with your first load.

Participants should finish their cleanup in time to get to the disposal facility before closing:

Transfer Station Facility, Jacob Miller Road	4:30 PM
Quilcene Drop-Box	5:00 PM

The participant whose fee is waived for this event agrees to:

1. Separate and recycle all recyclable materials, and
2. Separate out hazardous material (aerosol sprays, oil, antifreeze, paints etc.) and dispose of at the Hazardous Waste Facility in the Port Townsend Industrial Park.

Thank you for your participation in this Earth Day community clean-up event.

Frank Gifford
Public Works Director