

BLACK HAWK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION POLICY:
REVISED – LOAD COVER REQUIREMENTS

Black Hawk County Sanitary Landfill
1509 E. Washburn Road, Waterloo, Iowa

Effective July 1, 2012

INTRODUCTION:

It has been the long standing practice of the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission (Commission) to require that all arriving loads be covered, supplementing the state law and local ordinances. The Commission has provided notice of this requirement through signs and through periodic aggressive customer education programs. Active enforcement, however, has generally been left to those jurisdictions with authority to issue citations. There has been substantial public pressure for the landfill to become more active in the load cover issue.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish what constitutes an adequate load cover and provide the mechanism for enforcement of the requirements and the penalties for non-compliance.

PROCEDURE:

1. All loads transported to the Black Hawk County Sanitary Landfill, including yard waste materials, must be transported completely within the confines of a closed vehicle or must have any and all openings covered 100% with a tarp or other Landfill approved cover. All covers must be fully secured in all areas to prevent any loss of contents. A tarp is defined as a covering unit designed to cover and secure materials and or debris.
2. Signs will be appropriately posted indicating that uncovered loads are subject to the surcharges established herein.
3. A photographic record of uncovered loads will be maintained until at least the close of the next business day for use in dispute resolution. Surcharges must be disputed by closing time of the following business day and by performing the following: call the landfill at (319) 296-2524; and provide the original scale ticket with the disputed surcharges; and prepay a \$22 dispute fee to the Commission. The surcharge and dispute fee will be refunded if the surcharge is reversed. Any disputes must be presented to the Commission at a Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting within 45 days from the date of any surcharge or penalty. The Commission in its sole discretion shall determine if any surcharges shall be reimbursed.
4. Each day will be treated as a "New Day" and will transfer no history to future days. Residential customers using the Small Loads Facility will be assessed an additional \$5 uncovered load fee for the first offense of a particular day and a \$20 uncovered load fee for second and subsequent offenses on that same day. All commercial customers and those haulers going directly to the working face will be charged an additional \$20 for uncovered loads for the first offense of a particular day and a \$30 uncovered load fee for second and subsequent offense on that same day.

5. The weigh masters are responsible for adding the surcharges to the customer's regular tipping fee.

6. Un-tarping shall be allowed at the small loads area for small loads only or in posted un-tarping areas only as directed by landfill operator.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

a. To be considered *completely contained within the vehicle*, all doors, covers and hatches must be closed and secured.

b. All openings in compactor units must be 100% covered/secured and loading hoppers must be 100% covered/secured.

c. Rearloaders with a hopper must have the hopper free of any and all material or be 100% covered/secured.

d. Sideloaders must have the hopper free of any and all material or be 100% covered/secured.

e. Frontloaders must have doors completely closed over any hopper/opening or be 100% covered/secured.

f. Roll-off trucks with Auto-Tarpers must contain the waste inside the box or container. If material is visible outside of the box or container the load is considered to be in violation of this policy.

g. For purposes of this policy commercial vehicles include all vehicles larger than pickup trucks, but includes any vehicle displaying a business or organization name.