



# Managing the Future of Solid Waste

## Siting a new Solid Waste Management Facility

Deschutes County is working to identify a location for a new Solid Waste Management Facility to plan for the future and meet the needs of our growing communities.

### Five Things to Know

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The new Solid Waste Management Facility **needs to be operational before 2029** when Knott Landfill is expected to be at capacity.

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Building a new facility in Deschutes County is more **affordable and environmentally responsible** than trucking waste outside the County.

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The County is working with an advisory committee and using a robust, **multi-step screening and evaluation process** to identify potential locations.

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Siting a new Solid Waste Management Facility takes time and there are ongoing **opportunities for community to stay informed and engaged**.

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The new Solid Waste Management Facility will be a **100-year asset** for our communities, providing sustainable solutions for unwanted materials.



### Project Milestones

**2019:** Solid Waste Management Plan identified need for a new County landfill

**2022:** Multi-step process to screen and evaluate potential sites using input from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

**2023:** Three to five potential locations identified for additional study

**2029:** Knott Landfill expected to reach capacity

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*Deschutes County Solid Waste takes pride in providing a safe place for residents to dispose of or recycle unwanted materials.*

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Why is a new landfill needed?**

The County's only landfill, Knott Landfill, is expected to be at capacity in 2029. As a result, the County is working to identify a location for a new disposal facility.

## **Will the dropoff services at Knott Landfill change?**

The current waste, recycling, yard debris, and household hazardous waste dropoff services will still be offered at Knott Landfill. The County's other transfer stations will continue to operate similar to how they do now.

## **How will the new location be chosen?**

The County is working through a multi-step process to screen and evaluate potential locations using environmental, land use, site characteristic, and engineering criteria.

## **Why not use a landfill somewhere else?**

Continuing to manage solid waste locally will be more affordable for ratepayers and have fewer carbon emission impacts when compared to hauling waste out-of-county.

## **Will the community have input into the siting process?**

The County is working with a Solid Waste Advisory Committee to evaluate siting options. Throughout, there will be ongoing community outreach and opportunities for public comment.

## **When will the siting process be complete?**

The County anticipates identifying a shortlist of three to five potential locations in Spring 2023 for further study.



## **Solid Waste Facts**

In 2020, homes and businesses in Deschutes County generated nearly 300,000 tons of solid waste (about 3,000 pounds per person).

The County managed the waste in the following ways:

- About 98,500 tons diverted (recycled, reused, composted)
- About 198,000 tons of waste disposed at Knott Landfill



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