



The North Front Range Wasteshed Coalition

Larimer County North Landfill FAQ Information Sheet

Question	Answer	Community Member's Suggestion
<i>Where will it be located?</i>	The physical address is: 15669 North County Road 9, Wellington CO 80549. About 25 miles North of the current Landfill (5857 Taft Hill Road, Ft. Collins.) near the Rawhide Energy Station, West of I-25.	
<i>Will the Landfill be environmentally safe?</i>	Modern landfills are well-engineered facilities designed to receive specific kinds of waste, including municipal solid waste (MSW). Landfill facilities must be designed to protect the environment from contaminants, which may be present in the solid waste disposed in the unit. We will do this by using a protective lining thus protecting our groundwater. A sanitary landfill is also covered daily to prevent disease, odors, and trash blowing.	
<i>Will the Landfill be monitored and regulated by the State?</i>	Yes. The state is consistently monitoring and evaluating the county.	
<i>Does Larimer County have to apply and go through a permit process?</i>	Yes, there is a very rigorous process to build and run a landfill.	
<i>How will the Landfill ensure there is no ground water contamination?</i>	We do have a stormwater plan that is regulated by the State.	
<i>Where will the entrance be?</i>	The Entrance has been moved to the Northeast corner instead of the South, by suggestion of a neighbor. * In addition to overhead high-voltage powerlines.	<i>The South Entrance would have placed an additional burden on our residents and increased traffic and development closest to their homes. By moving to the Northeast, the traffic is moved further up the road.</i>
<i>When will the actual ground- breaking happen on this site?</i>	The construction of the Site began in September 2024 and is anticipated to be complete by December 2025.	



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<p><i>Where will development start- will there be waste all over the 625-acre Landfill property? Will it all be piled everywhere?</i></p>	<p>Development is starting from the northwest corner of the property (the furthest away from our neighbors). Waste will be collected and placed in one cell at a time, then covered as it is collected, keeping all the fence lines close to the cell, to maintain litter control.</p> <p>(It can take up to 18 years to fill up the first three cells.) it is anticipated to take up to 75 years before the landfill reaches its southern border.</p> <p>Of course, we can extend this date by reducing the waste in Larimer County which will be a big part of our education campaign.</p>	
<p><i>How much space will be left between the landfill and the Southern Neighbors property?</i></p>	<p>The plan is for a 25 ft easement between the property lines, with a berm for some privacy.</p>	<p><i>Residents are very concerned this is too close to their property line and that eventually they will have operations and trash disposal too close to their property line. They are proposing a deeper easement with a tree fence line for privacy and aesthetics.</i></p>
<p><i>What type of landscaping or beautification is planned for to help with aesthetics in the neighborhood?</i></p>	<p>A landscaping plan consisting of native grasses, shrubs, and trees is planned near the facility entrance.</p>	<p><i>Again, the neighbors feel very strongly that this should be a priority in helping them adjust and adapt to a landfill coming into their neighborhood. This is a BIG concession for the neighbors and would go a long way in community relations.</i></p>
<p><i>What are the hours of operation?</i></p>	<p>Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.– unless we have a high wind closure. Occasionally work would have to be made up if high wind closures prohibit work.</p>	<p><i>Residents would like to make sure that operation is not happening after normal business hours every day of the week. They would like the county to be mindful of traffic and operation noises during no- business hours.</i></p>



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<p><i>What will be done for high winds?</i></p>	<p>Our Landfill manager has been monitoring the high wind situation for years, he has also worked at the highest wind landfill in our state and comes with that experience. The landfill will close on high wind days and monitor litter control every day, especially on high wind days.</p>	<p><i>Residents would like to make sure the county is continuing to monitor the high wind situation in this area and make sure the landfill operations are accounting for extra clean up and precautions during closures on high wind days.</i></p>
<p><i>What will be done for litter control?</i></p>	<p>There is a 8' tall chain linked fence stretching all 4 miles around the perimeter of the landfill property. There will also be additional fencing on the inside of the landfill area to keep things even more contained, including some new technology bull fencing and a vacuum system to control litter. Additional permanent 30/40ft. fencing will be evaluated once the site is operational. Also, Community Service workers are frequently used to clean up any excess litter on the site perimeter. (some may be from the alternative sentencing department, with minor offenses)</p>	<p><i>Our residents would like to make sure that the litter is contained and not blowing onto their property.</i></p> <p><i>As well as make sure the site is always secure and safe.</i></p>
<p><i>How will the Landfill respond to neighbors once operations start?</i></p>	<p>The communication will always be open to neighbors during operation for issues that may arise. We are proposing a hotline or text communication to report any issues directly to landfill staff as well as continual engagement with neighbors to check in as is currently happening at the Taft Landfill.</p>	
<p><i>Will the landfill be open to residential Traffic?</i></p>	<p>The Landfill is open to Commercial haulers, transfer trailers, and limited residential traffic.</p>	
<p><i>Will the landfill be open to residents for composting?</i></p>	<p>No, residential composting may be on this site. The Taft location will still be open to residents for composting and recycling as well as trash disposal.</p>	
<p><i>What amount of traffic can be expected?</i></p>	<p>About 30-40 outbound trucks will be driving to the North landfill daily, from the Taft, Transfer Station. Unless it is a high wind day that forces closure at the landfill.</p>	



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	You can expect Northern Commercial haulers to come directly to the North Landfill as well.	
<i>What Traffic Route will be used?</i>	The primary Traffic Route from the Transfer Station is East on Carpenter Road, North on I-25, East on to Owl Canyon (CR 70) and north up CR 9.	<i>With the entrance moved to the North East Corner, our local community members would like to propose diverting most of the traffic up to the Buckeye exit and avoid so many trucks driving North on CR9. Not being able to control commercial traffic is also a major concern for them.</i>
<i>What road improvements are planned to handle the increase in traffic?</i>	There has been significant road improvements leading up to the North Landfill Property including a signaled intersection at Taft and Trilby Rd, a roundabout designed by traffic engineers at the intersection of CR 70 and CR 9 to improve public safety, widened and repaving about 4 miles of CR 9 and additional improvements slightly East of I-25 and to the West up to the new roundabout.	<i>The community is really concerned about this intersection as it is very dangerous with the hill and limited visibility already. Increasing large truck traffic will only add to this hazard. They are eager to see the plan for improvements and would like to provide some suggestions.</i>
<i>Will the South Neighbors continue to have access to the water line meter that runs on or near the South side of the landfill property?</i>	The Solid Waste Staff has been made aware of this request and will keep it in mind into the future development of the site.	<i>The South Neighbors would like to be assured that there will continue to be access to the water line meter that is located on the corner of CR 11 and 76, about 1/8th of a mile into the landfill property line, especially as things progress and fences go up.</i>