

Landfill Checklists

Siting Principles				
Siting Principles Best Practices	Yes	No	Don't Know	Recommended Changes (if any)
Is the landfill separated from nearest individual dwelling and well by at least 100m and from the nearest residential development by at least 300m?				
Is the landfill separated from the nearest water wells by at least 300m?				
Is the landfill separated from the highway by at least 100m?				
Is the landfill separated at least 1m above the groundwater table?				
Is the landfill sloping away from the active face and well-drained?				
Is the landfill screened from public view by trees or other shrubbery?				
Is the landfill located on soils that have low permeability such as clays or silts?				
Is the landfill separated from the perimeter of a wellhead protection zone of a municipal or community water supply by 300m?				
Is the landfill separated from streams, lakes and rivers by at least 3m?				

Is the landfill separated from highways by at least 100m?				
Groundwater	Yes	No	Don't Know	Recommended Changes (if any)
Were geologic and hydrogeologic conditions tested before the landfill was established, including testing the quality of the groundwater?				
Is water quality tested and monitored?				
To the best of your knowledge Is the water table located at least 1m below the waste?				
Landfill Site				
Landfill Site Design Features	Yes	No	Not Required	Recommended Changes (if any)
Are roads easy to access and well- maintained?				
Is there at least a 30m buffer zone between the landfill and any other land use (preferably 100m)?				
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Is there any unacceptable waste deposited into the landfill (hazardous waste)?				
Is cover placed on the wastes daily in order to contain windblown litter?				
Where waste is segregated, are there clearly designated areas for scrap metal, tires, etc?				
Operations and Maintenance				
Operational Processes	Yes	No	Not Required	Recommended Changes (if any)
Are you using the trench method, area method or a combination?				
Is the waste deposited into cells of manageable size (2m in height and 15m to 20m in width)?				
Is waste regularly compacted and covered?				
What material are you using for daily cover?				
Is environmental monitoring and reporting taking place?				
Are there issues with illegal dumping?				
Are there issues with illegal burning?				
Are there procedures in place to control vermin and vector?				
Is landfill operating equipment suitable and well maintained?				
Are there contingency plans in place?				
Is staff available during opening hours?				

Is there safety equipment for staff and site?		
Do you have a plan in place for winter operations?		
Do you have restricted hours of operation?		
Is there a program in place to keep unacceptable waste out of the landfill?		
Is there a suitable shelter for staff at the landfill site?		
Do landfill attendants regularly inspect the site?		
Are there practices in place for litter control?		
Do you have a plan for site closure?		
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Landfill Workday Site Inspection Checklist

	Good Condition	Problems	Details
Gates	Locked	Damage	
Fences	Clear of litter	Damage	
Signs	Up to date	Damage	
Working face	Tidy waste cells	Hazardous waste Ponding water	
Equipment	Good condition	Damage [Missing equipment [
Litter	Minimal	Cleanup required	
Segregation areas	Tidy 🗌	Improper placement	
Illegal dumping	None 🗌	Non-resident Outside gates Unacceptable material Animal carcass	

Operations and Monitoring Checklist

Note: tasks and frequency should be adjusted to fit each individual situation.

Daily		
Unlock gates	Collect waste	
Inspect site	Place waste into active cell	
Tidy site	Cover waste	
Assist with public drop-off	Compact waste	

Weekly		
Clean up litter	Collect waste	
Safely burn stockpiled clean wood	Place waste into active cell	
	Cover waste	
	Compact waste	

Seasonally		
Organize major litter cleanup		
Arrange for equipment to manage seasonal impacts:		
Spring: wet conditions		
Winter: snow removal Summer: dust control		
Arrange for equipment to safely burn stockpiled clean wood		
Arrange collection of stockpiled materials		
Maintain stock of cover materials		
Clear and repair drainage features		
Sample and test water quality		

Annually		
Renew safety training		
Sample and test water quality		
Prepare monitoring report		
Update contingency plans		