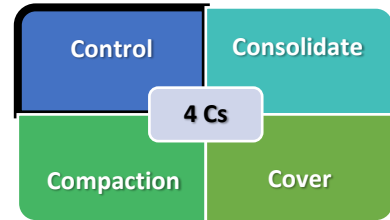


3.8 Detering Wildlife

The operator shall minimize, to the extent practicable, access by wildlife and domestic animals to putrescible waste deposited at the landfill. (18 AAC 60.230, 18 AAC 60.233)



Operational controls for reducing animal attraction to the landfill:

- Don't allow unconsolidated and uncovered waste to accumulate inside or outside of the landfill. Consolidate the waste as often as possible.
- Apply at least 6 inches of compacted cover material as often as possible.
- Burn household waste and food waste in a burn unit.
- Light and empty the burn unit often and cover the ash.

Engineered controls for reducing animal attraction to the landfill:

- Install an electric bear fence if bears are commonly present in or near the landfill. Cut brush and weeds from under the fence, or the fence will short out and be ineffective.
- Install a regular fence and locking gate to keep out dogs, foxes, and other small mammals.
- Install the fence posts deep in the ground so the fence isn't easily pushed over.
- If bears are an issue, install fence below ground to create a skirt around the landfill. This prevents digging under the fence to gain access to the landfill. Consult bear biologists or your rural landfill specialist to determine the appropriate size and design of skirt needed for your facility.
- Provide bear-proof and bird-proof trash containers outside of the landfill gate or in town for waste collection.
- Use containers, dumpsters, or trash cages with hinged lids that can't be removed. This will help ensure that the lid remains closed so that birds cannot pull the waste out and scatter it.



Electric fence to keep bears out of the landfill.

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Examples:



Well-managed landfill that is not likely to attract wildlife.



Collection bin that closes to prevent wildlife access.