



The West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (WYRWMA) are assisting with the Jasper Disaster Debris removal program under a Special Authorization from the Government of Alberta. Other landfills in the Province are also assisting this process under similar approvals. This type of waste which may contain asbestos material is accepted under existing policies and procedures at the West Yellowhead Regional Landfill (WYRL). The WYRL is a Class II landfill which regularly accepts mixed waste types, special waste and asbestos containing material. For more information, please contact the landfill directly at 780-865-1414 or Yellowhead County 780-723-4800. For more information on the Jasper Wildfire Recovery please visit <https://jasper-alberta.ca/p/recovery>

*A message from the WYRWMA Chair, Dawn Mitchell, Councillor Yellowhead County Aug. 14, 2024*

*Our regional waste authority is working to assist the Town of Jasper and its residents and businesses as they begin rebuilding their community. The Waste Authority board, which includes elected officials from the Town of Jasper and other regional municipalities, immediately started to develop plans to help the community with the removal of the debris caused by the destruction of the fires in Jasper this summer. As a regional authority we've taken steps to ensure we have enough room at the landfill to accommodate the anticipated increase in waste and we've created a separate receiving area to accommodate the increase in the volume of trucks that will be coming from Jasper. We've looked at how other municipalities have dealt with similar disaster situations in the past, and we made plans based on what they encountered. We're working closely with the province to ensure we meet all health and safety requirements and guidelines for accepting and processing waste from this type of incident, especially as we receive larger volumes of this type of waste compared to an average year. We're working with the contract operators, the town officials, and the emergency incident team who are coordinating the cleanup of the municipality. Our priority is the safety of our landfill staff and properly processing the debris from the destroyed structures. Our administrative team is working diligently to meet the environmental requirements for accepting, sorting and storing this material set by the province. We know we'll have a reduced amount of available landfill space once the debris from Jasper makes its way to the landfill, however we're confident we'll have the space to accommodate it with plenty of available space for more than a decade for the current waste cell. We estimate we'll lose approximately 30% of space from the current landfill*



*waste cell reducing that cell's lifetime from an estimated 13.5 years to approximately 10.2 years leaving us time to prepare for future waste storage planning. As a board, we will continue to work with the municipality of Jasper and their team to assist with the removal of the debris caused by the fires that devastated their community this summer.*