



LANDFILL POLICY FOR CLEAN SOIL

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1. PRINCIPLES

This Policy is guided by the following principles and acts to provide the foundation for present and future decisions for landfill material entering or being moved within the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke.

We, the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non, as part of the Iroquois Confederacy:

- are, and have always been a sovereign people;
- have consistently declared the right to govern our affairs and exercise our jurisdiction within our Territory that includes surface and sub-surface lands, airways and waterways;
- have responsibility to protect the earth from contamination, so future generations will have a clean and healthy environment in which to grow;
- must assert responsibilities to conserve and protect our Territorial lands from contamination, both common and private, including all lands that may be added through negotiation, land claims and resolutions or as result of any other means;
- are responsible to provide client based services that conserves environmental integrity and promotes awareness for the use of clean landfill soil material delivered or moved in our Territory;
- understand that wetlands serve purpose to keep waters clean and working with the Environment Protection Department will assist the landholder to identify the best approach to protection and conservation when planning to landfill in or near a wetland;
- know that authority is balanced with responsibility to fulfill our roles to protect the natural world as guided by the Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén.

This Policy and its procedures ensures the provision of efficient service delivery to Kahnawa'kehró:non that minimizes and manages risk of contaminated landfill material entering or being moved within this community.

2. PURPOSE

As the governing body of the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke, it is the position of the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs to ensure that the necessary procedures are in place to eliminate or at the very least, minimize any risk of environmental contamination or risk to public health because of unmonitored landfill operations.

It is the purpose and intent of the *Landfill Policy for Clean Soil* to ensure standard and consistent service delivery of quality landfill material in the Mohawk Territory of

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Kahnawà:ke. Our environmental protection and conservation commitments are supported by effective monitoring practices and testing of landfill or excavation material brought into the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke so that the environmental criteria set out in the procedures are met. Monitoring and testing include material moved to and from sites within the Territory.

This Policy identifies the Landfill Department as the only location where all landfill operation Source Site Contractors establish work plans and the location to pay landfill fees directly for all landfill material entering the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke.

3. AUTHORITY

The authority for this Policy is derived from the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs who gives the mandate and identifies the role of the Ohontsa'shòn:a Ronterihwatsterítha's Landfill Department to apply this Policy and follow all Policy procedures.

The *Sanitary Conditions Law* and the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*, including any regulations pursuant to these Laws, provide fundamental authority for implementation of this Policy and its procedures. Alignment with current community laws, regulations, policies and guidelines that affect our Territorial lands are paramount.

4. APPLICABILITY

The *Landfill Policy for Clean Soil* applies to individuals in the whole Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke who require landfill material, who perform excavation and require movement of the material and to those who will be moving landfill material within the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke.

The Policy applies to all Source Site Contractors from on or outside the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke. Landfill Permits will be necessary for any residential, institutional or commercial development purposes on both common and private lands for all Source Site Contractors who are required to work directly with the Kahnawà:ke Landfill Department. All Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs Units/Departments excavating or moving landfill material within the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke for commercial, institutional, residential infrastructure development or rehabilitation works are required to follow this Policy and its procedures.