

# Media Release

**Date: September 22, 2014**

**Re: Grand Opening: Chilco Rural Residential Solid Waste Collection Site**

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department is pleased to announce the opening of the Chilco Rural Residential Solid Waste Collection Site on October 1, 2014. A ribbon cutting ceremony with the Commissioners is planned for September 29, 2014, 10:00 AM, at the site.

The Chilco Rural Collection site, located at 20835 N. Ramsey Road, Rathdrum will open at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The site will be staffed seven days per week from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Garwood and Twin Lakes sites will close permanently at 5:00 PM on September 30, 2014.

The new site is on county-owned property and consolidates the existing Garwood and Twin Lakes collection sites. The Chilco site is designed to handle the capacity of the two former sites. Planning for the new site commenced in 2011, with the adoption of a Rural Systems Strategy approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The strategy addresses long-range planning for the rural residential collection sites.

There are currently 14 rural collection sites. Of these, only three are on property owned by Kootenai County. In order to provide permanent collection sites, construct improvements and allow for the expansion of services, such as recycling, it was determined that property should be acquired and four sites should be consolidated. The next sites being considered for consolidation are located in the Rose Lake area. The Solid Waste Department is currently working on options and communicating with local citizens prior to finalizing any plans.

For additional information or questions please contact the Solid Waste Department at (208)446-1430 or by email at [kcsw@kcgov.us](mailto:kcsw@kcgov.us)

Site:

20835 N. Ramsey Road, Rathdrum Idaho

HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK (staffed)