

## MAMMOTH CREEK DUMPSTER'S REFRESHER

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You may be asking, "Why is this subject in the newsletter again?". For good reason! I have not brought up this subject for 3 years and During that time Mammoth Creek became very popular and cabins and property sold like gang busters. (And it seems like it still is). So I suspect that there are many owners who do not know the dumpster use requirements. Our dumpsters must be treated with respect and in accordance with its using rules. If not we can expect to lose our ability to rent the rolling dumpsters again and with the small dumpsters in the parking lot, they will be removed or we will have to rent them at our cost . Then what?? Some people will take their trash with them when they leave and find a legal place to drop it off; some will take it to a local landfill or dumpsters in other jurisdictions; but the worse, they throw it out in the forest and along the road side or just leave it at their camp sight. Not a pretty sight. So here is what you need to know if you want dumpster service.

There are two types of dumpsters we use. First the small ones in the parking lot are owned by Garfield County. They do not charge our community for their use. As to the big rolling dumpsters we use during the three holidays in spring and summer, the Mammoth Creek Homeowners Association pays for them on behalf of the Mammoth Creek Community. The two types of dumpsters each have specific items it can carry. Why? Because the land fills they are taking the garbage and other items to are limited in what they can accept. Why are they limited? It is determined by the type of the landfill. The content of the small dumpsters are taken to the Panguitch landfill which is not lined. So when the contents brake down, disintegrate and decompose takes over the liquids that seep through the ground and ends up in the water table. The residue from things like batteries, paint, oil, chemicals electronics etc landing in the Panguitch landfill will end up in the water table as well. We can't have that.

The rolling dumpsters are taken all the way to Long ValleyJunction landfill. Why ?? Because their land fill is lined . Therefore it can handle almost everything (except household garbage) and the water table would not be in jeopardy. Therefore when trucks roll up to the land fill they have to be ready to dump just the permissible items. If illegal items are sighted, then someone has to sort the trash to make sure all is acceptable. Should that person be someone from Mammoth Creek or should we pay the dump company to hire someone to sort our trash? The company's answer could be to just stop renting to those who are causing the problem.

Now you know what can be tossed in the small dumpsters, and why. Only household garbage that is bagged and secured is the answer . All the bagged trash must be placed in the dumpster and then all lids must be closed. There's not to be any garbage placed on the ground. (Did you see what the site looked like with open lids and garbage items around the ground when the Bear and black birds discovered it?). If you can't get the lids to completely closed and/or you can't get all your bagged trash in the dumpster , either wait until the trucks empty the dumpsters next time to put your garbage in or take the trash with you to a near by proper dumpster. Or drive to the

Panguitch land fill with your garbage. If trash, garbage and large items land on the ground and/or the property looks awful, we are lucky to have Don, Kelly, Carl and others here in Mammoth Creek who have pride in Mammoth Creek work hard to pick up all the icky stuff off the ground (left by an inconsiderate person). They secure the garbage in the dumpsters and then clean the ground. Thank you ,you guys

You now know why we provide the two or three bigger dumpsters. The large rolling types will take large items like a refrig, mattresses, chairs, , items like that, BUT NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE. Unfortunately things like tires, paint, oil etc cannot be put into these rolling dumpsters.. These dumpsters are available during 3 major holidays, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. They get filled quickly and there are times when these types of items are piled over the top of the dumpsters. That cannot be allowed because of safety issues. If your item(s) will reach over the top (even if it is only 1 inch), please don't put it in and don't leave it on the ground. The truck drivers are not equipped to pick up the grounded items and besides there wouldn't be room for the items anyway. Larger items that can't fit in the rolling dumpsters can be taken to the Panguitch landfill yourself. Once you get near the fencing around the landfill and before the landfill entrance, there is suppose to be 2 or 3 dumpsters outside the fence. Those dumpsters will be hauled to Long Valley junction landfill (except household garbage )but again these items cannot be dumped in the Panguitch landfill for reasons I have explained. The household garbage can be dumped in the Panguitch landfill. There should be an employee monitoring the gate area and helping customers. There may or may not have a fee for your use of the land fill and the outside dumpster. The fee depends on what you want to dump and how much of it. The employee will advise you. Information regarding open hours & etc, please refer to the article "Panguitch City Landfill" on this web.

This past Summer we had the rolling dumpsters available during the holiday weekends as usual. Well, during one holiday weekend a person (probably with help) piled a full sized sofa on top of existing furniture in the dumpster. (Get this, in the 2024 holiday weekend someone did the same thing with an old snowmobile). In the year, 2025, the dumpster already had items about 6 inches above the top. Adding the sofa caused the furniture to add 1 & 1/2 feet to the 6 inches already there. Who would do that ?? Common Sense should prevail. This 2 feet over the top prevented the waste companies ability to pick up the dumpster and haul the trash items to a dump. It so happened that Lloyd with Tays Tree Service was in the area and he saw what was happening. He offered to help at no cost to the homeowners. He stopped his rock job and used his tractor to smash down the pile of big heavy items. He was able to smash everything to just under the top of the rolling dumpster. He helped us at no charge. When he finished, he went on his way to finish his rock job. That was a rescue we needed desperately . As it turns out, he provides many services. Should you need help at your cabin, you might check out the other services he provides. [Taystreeservice.com](http://Taystreeservice.com)

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