

Motorhomes Disposal Update
09/27/2023

SL County Solid Waste re-classified Motor Homes as Special Waste on 1/1/2023 due to the increase of these units in 2022 (historically received one to two a year) and the fact that they require special handling (we must use an Excavator) to breakdown, dispose, and recycle.

Several towing contractors have since complained about this increase and at least one has subsequently taken their complaint to the County Council office, as their contract (contracted with SLC Police) did not include adjustments for a disposal price increase.

Several regional large cities (Denver, Albuquerque, and Las Vegas) were contacted to discuss their current abandoned motorhome management strategy. Denver was the only city with a clear approach – the city hires a contractor to break down the units, towed from the city, for disposal/recycling and the city pays for it.

The State of Washington currently includes a Disposal Fee on annual licensing of Motor Homes to help pay for disposal of abandoned units.

Recent discussions with the SLC Compliance Division determined that they have hired a contractor to breakdown any units hauled by their contractors for disposal/recycling. Not a substantial amount of money currently available and they will need to make a request for additional general funds to continue this program. Motorhomes requested to be hauled by the SLC Police Department or other entities are not necessarily included in this program (different contracted towing companies).