



FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

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Franklin County Fire District 3 Respond to Fire in Garbage Transfer Trailer

(Pasco, Wash.) – Franklin County Fire District 3

Monday February 13 at approximately 07:42 Franklin County Fire District #3 was dispatched to a commercial vehicle fire at Basin Disposal, Inc. Pasco Transfer Facility, 131 Dietrich Road in Pasco, Washington. When crews arrived, they discovered a 53' semi-trailer full of garbage on fire. Crews at Basin Disposal discovered the fire burning in the center of the trailer and moved it away from buildings and other exposures. There are no means at the Pasco transfer facility to dump a large trailer as it is used to transport garbage away from the transfer station to a larger designated landfill.

The burning material was cooled enough so the trailer can be moved to a pit and safely off loaded using a mechanical means on scene provided by Basin Disposal. The smoldering debris was then extinguished by fire crews using water and firefighting foam.

There were no injuries and minimal damage to the trailer.

The cause of the fire was either improperly discarded hot material such as charcoal or ashes or certain household or industrial chemicals which can heat up when wet.

Fire Chief Mike Harris wants to remind everyone how to properly dispose of items in your trash receptacle to prevent future fire at the transfer station.

Properly dispose of charcoal after grilling.

To extinguish your coals, close the lid and vents on your grill and wait 48 hours. Once the charcoal and ashes are safe to touch, scoop them into used aluminum foil and wrap them up. You can then dispose of the aluminum foil in your garbage bin.

Properly dispose of ashes from your fire place.

Scoop ashes into an ash can and allow them to cool for 48 hours. Once the ashes have cooled over time or have been wetted and are safe to touch, they can be disposed of in your garbage bin or consider using the ashes as compost.

Household Hazard Waste Disposal.

Household hazardous waste such as fertilizer, pesticides and pool chemicals should never be discarded in the garbage bin. Household hazardous waste products must be disposed of properly at the Franklin County Collection Facility. Free disposal at Basin Disposal, Inc for Franklin County Residents only. The limit is 10 gallons per household. This is a public service offered by Franklin County and Basin Disposal, Inc.

For more information visit: www.franklincountywa.gov/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal

For Benton County visit: www.co.benton.wa.us "Household Hazardous Waste"

More information about Franklin County Fire District 3 can be found at www.fcfd3.org. Fire Chief Mike Harris also welcomes your questions at media@fcfd3.org and 509-547-9306.

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Franklin County Fire District 3 (Fire District 3) serves 8,225 people over 205 square miles. Fire District 3 is a separate taxing district and is not associated with Franklin County. The fire district relies on full-time and volunteer emergency personnel who responded to more than 800 calls in 2022 of which 50 percent are for Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Fire District 3 firefighters and emergency medical personnel are trained to provide quality emergency services for fire suppression, wildland fires, EMS, technical rescue, hazardous material spills, auto extrication, and prevention/safety education programs for adults and children. Fire District 3 relies on volunteers to respond to calls. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Fire District 3 to learn more.