



# Secure Your Load for Safer Roads

**Effective October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 A \$10.00 Unsecured Load Fee will be charged for all unsecured loads arriving at Kittitas County Solid Waste Facilities.**

## **Secure your load**

Washington law ([RCW 46.61.655](#)) requires motorists to cover and secure their loads to prevent cargo from breaking free. Items falling out of trucks and off of cars cause serious accidents every year in Washington. Because of this danger, Washington law requires people to secure their cargo with tarps, netting, or other tie-down materials.

Failing to secure a load could result in a \$231 ticket. If something falls out and you cause property damage or injure another person you can be fined up to \$5,000 and may be charged with a gross misdemeanor, including up to a year in jail.

Washington law ([RCW 70A.200.120](#)) requires counties and cities with a staffed transfer station or landfill in their jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance requiring people to secure their vehicle loads when bringing solid waste to their facilities and to charge a fee for unsecured loads arriving at these facilities.