

## **Title 17**

### **REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL**

#### **CHAPTER 1. COLLECTION**

##### **Sec. 17-101. Administration.**

The commissioner of public works, or his authorized representative, shall make and modify regulations as necessary concerning the days of collection, location of containers, and such other matters pertaining to the collection, transporting and disposal of solid waste refuse.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

##### **Sec. 17-102. Roll out containers.**

For residential households which elect and are subsequently selected to participate in the curbside garbage collection system, the City will provide, at no cost to the resident, one 90-gallon roll out container. The commissioner of public works, or his designated representative, may request that any residential household regularly exceeding 90 gallons of garbage in a collection period make other approved special arrangements or purchase a second container from the City.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

##### **Sec. 17-103. Placement of containers for collection.**

Container (cart) must be located with the handle facing the house. Maintain a three-foot clearance on all sides of the container.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991; Ord. No. 17-5442, § 1, 5-16-2017)

##### **Sec. 17-104. Restrictions on placement of containers.**

The container shall be placed in such a manner as not to interfere with power lines, tree or scrub branches, parked cars, vehicular traffic, or in any other way that would constitute a public hazard or nuisance. Garbage containers shall not be placed, without the express permission of the City, on a public sidewalk, in the street, or in a drainage ditch.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

##### **Sec. 17-105. Hours for placement of containers for collection.**

Containers shall be placed for collection no earlier than dusk on the day before collection, and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. Containers must be removed from the curb, street, or alleyway, no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991; Ord. No. 17-5442, § 2, 5-16-2017)

##### **Sec. 17-106. Storage of containers.**

All residential garbage containers shall be located for storage on the premises at a location which is closer to the back door of the residence using the container than to any doorway or window of any other residence. No garbage container shall be stored for use between the street and the front of the premises.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

**Sec. 17-107. Placement of containers in multifamily dwellings.**

In all multifamily dwellings, the commissioner of public works, or his designated representative, may designate the area in which garbage containers must be located. Such location shall be selected so as to create a minimum of disturbance or distraction to adjoining residents and to the general public.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

**Sec. 17-108. Placement of refuse in containers.**

Due to the operation of one-man automated trucks, elimination of workers' compensation injuries from lifting and throwing trash bags, and exposure to sharp metal objects, needles, etc., all trash shall be placed inside a City-issued container. Bags and/or items outside the container will not be picked up.

(Ord. No. 17-5442, § 4(17-108), 5-16-2017)

**Sec. 17-109. Schedule modifications.**

From time to time, weather and holidays will require modification of pickup days and times. Notifications will be provided on the City website and Public Works Facebook page. Local press will also be notified.

(Ord. No. 17-5442, § 4(17-109), 5-16-2017)

**Sec. 17-110. Violations.**

Any violations of the requirements of this section shall be punishable in accordance with the general penalty provision of this Code.

(Ord. No. 91-843, 5-7-1991)

**CHAPTER 2. MEDICAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTES**

**Sec. 17-201. Medical waste.**

(1) Storage generally. All pathological and/or infectious waste from, but not limited to, hospitals, physicians, clinics, dental clinics, blood banks, medical laboratories, nursing homes, health care facilities, and mortuaries shall be placed in separate containers from normal waste items, and the infectious waste material shall be placed in durable disposable bags that can be tied and sealed when full. The bags holding pathological and/or infectious waste shall be stored in metal or equivalent containers with tightfitting lids while in the process of being filled. Containers for the storage of pathological and/or infectious waste shall be kept in places restrictive from access by the public and the materials shall be placed at the collection point only on the day they are to be collected. Needles shall be placed in puncture proof containers immediately after use and disposal syringes shall be disposed of with other medical waste and not become part of the normal solid waste stream. The disposal of all pathological and/or infectious waste shall be the responsibility of the person generating the waste and it shall be illegal for said pathological and/or infectious waste to be mixed with other refuse rubbish or garbage being collected by the City and/or any approved collection agencies in the City. All generators of pathological, infectious and hazardous waste shall fully comply with the rules, regulations and requirements of the public health department concerning the waste.

(2) Restrictions on disposal. It is an unlawful and prohibited act to deposit any pathological and/or infectious waste in any garbage container or to in any way associate or mix the same with the garbage, rubbish or refuse that is to be collected by the City.

Infectious and pathological waste including hypodermic syringes, however, hypodermic syringes which are not of an infectious nature may be inserted in the normal garbage, refuse or rubbish for collection so long as said hypodermic needles are properly packaged as described herein. All hypodermic syringes which are placed in the garbage or refuse for collection by City employees shall have the needle broken at the hub of said syringe and said hypodermic syringes shall be enclosed in a protective container of sufficient strength and size to protect the City employees from inadvertent injury during the collection procedures.

(3) Sharps. No hypodermic syringes, knives or other sharp objects shall be placed in a garbage container in such a manner as to expose City employees or others handling said container to possible injury because of the existence of said syringes or other sharp objects.

Anyone disposing of hypodermic syringes, sharp objects or other hazardous material in such a manner as to cause injury or expose those persons handling the garbage or garbage containers to possible injury, shall be in violation of this chapter and subject to the full prosecution of the penalties presented in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 89-735, §§ 1, 2(f), 3, 4, 8-15-1989)

**Sec. 17-202. Hazardous waste.**

(1) Disposal in garbage streams prohibited. The following substances are hereby prohibited from being deposited in garbage containers or in any way being associated or moved with the garbage, rubbish or refuse that is to be collected by the City:

- (a) Flammable liquids, solids or gases, such as gasoline, benzene, alcohol or other similar substances.
- (b) Any material that could be hazardous or injurious to City employees or material which would cause damage to City equipment.
- (c) Radioactive material.
- (d) Construction waste which shall have been generated or created from construction, demolition, remodeling, or other construction site preparation, including, but not limited to, rocks, trees, debris, dirt, bricks, fill, plaster, and all other types of scrap building materials.
- (e) Hot materials such as ashes, cinders, etc.

(Ord. No. 89-735, § 2, 8-15-1989)

**Sec. 17-203. Violations and penalty.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this chapter. Violations of this chapter shall be punished in accordance with the general penalty provisions of this Code.