

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

CHAPTER

1. REFUSE.

CHAPTER 1

REFUSE

SECTION

- 17-101. Refuse defined.
- 17-102. Premises to be kept clean.
- 17-103. Containerized garbage collection system.
- 17-104. Tree trimmings and similar materials.
- 17-105. Disturbing containers.
- 17-106. Collection.
- 17-107. Collection vehicles.
- 17-108. Disposal.
- 17-109. Commercial garbage fees.
- 17-110. Commercial mobile home park and commercial apartment complex collection.
- 17-111. Disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes.
- 17-112. Monthly residential garbage pickup fee.

17-101. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, and rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1978 Code, § 8-201)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the town are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1978 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Containerized garbage collection system. (1) The Town of White Pine provides one (1) wheeled container to each property owners home, or leased/rented home.

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

(2) It is the responsibility for home owners/renters, to make sure the container is not removed from the premises, and

(3) If the container is stolen or missing from the residence, the property owner will be responsible for purchasing another container at one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). If a resident would like an additional container, the price will be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per can. If the owner refuses to purchase another container to replace the missing one, all garbage collection at this residence will cease. Property owner will then be responsible for keeping all garbage hauled off the property. Failure to do so could result in an ordinance violation with a written citation. (1978 Code, § 8-203, as replaced by Ord. #4-06, April 2006, as replaced by Ord. #6-21, June 2021 *Ch15_11-07-23*)

17-104. Tree trimmings and similar materials. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four feet (4'). These materials should be placed at the curb with cut-end toward the street in an orderly manner. If a professional tree trimmer cuts a tree, or trims shrubbery or limbs of a tree, the company must haul off all debris from property.

No brush larger than eight inch (8") diameter will be picked up by the town. If brush is not stacked in an orderly manner, it will not be picked up by the town until it has been re-stacked.

No building materials of any kind shall be picked up. This includes wood as well.

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be paid to town hall for items that will not fit in a chipper or if homeowner has no means to dispose of. This fee must be paid before item(s) are picked up. If more than one (1) load is required, home owner must pay an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

In the case of severe weather, these rules will still be in effect. However, the public works director may designate an assigned area where property owners can bring brush items only if mass damage has occurred. (1978 Code, § 8-204, amended by Ord. #12-97, Nov. 1997, and Ord. #12-04, Nov. 2004, replaced by Ord. #4-06, April 2006, and amended by Ord. #04-11, Oct. 2011)

17-105. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. (1978 Code, § 8-205)

17-106. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the governing body shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1978 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys. (1978 Code, § 8-207)

17-108. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the board of mayor and aldermen is expressly prohibited. (1978 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. Commercial garbage fees. The town will furnish one (1) refuse container per business. The container will be picked up once per week on Tuesday or Friday for a monthly fee of twenty dollars (\$20). All refuse must be inside the container. If additional containers are needed, the customer may purchase additional containers from the town at cost. There will be an additional cost of five dollars (\$5) per month for each container over three (3) picked up. If a business requires pick up twice a week, the pick up will be on Tuesday and Friday at a cost of thirty dollars (\$30) monthly, plus five dollars (\$5) for each additional container over three (3) picked up. (1978 Code, § 8-209, amended by Ord. #5-04, June 2004, and replaced by Ord. #4-06, April 2006)

17-110. Commercial mobile home park and commercial apartment complex collection. Each commercial apartment complex and commercial mobile home park that has eight (8) or more apartments or rental spaces is not eligible for garbage pickup by the town. These entities are required to contain and dispose of their own garbage and refuse either by installing a dumpster by contract with a commercial garbage collection agency or other acceptable means. Each mobile home park and apartment complex shall be required to remain in compliance with all town ordinances pertaining to property regulations governing clean and sanitary conditions. (as added by Ord. #12-04, Nov. 2004)

17-110. Disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes. Pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Technical Memorandum SW-88-1 of the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment, Division of Solid Waste, all discarded and used hypodermic needles and syringes must be securely packaged in puncture proof containers before discarding.

Anyone disposing of hypodermic needles and syringes improperly and causing injury to another individual, shall be held financially responsible for all such medical costs incurred by the injured person or his heirs, administrators, executors, guardians or assigns.

Anyone improperly disposing of such hypodermic needles or syringes in their curbside garbage containers will have their weekly garbage pick-up suspended.

Violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. (1978 Code, § 8-110, as renumbered by Ord. #12-04, Nov. 2004)

17-112. Monthly residential garbage pickup fee. Each residence within the town limits that has been issued a garbage container by the sanitation department and receives weekly garbage pickup will be charged an eight dollar (\$8.00) monthly pickup fee. If household has three (3) containers or more, an additional four dollars (\$4.00) will be charged. The fee will be billed on the monthly water and sewer bill. Failure to have container at curbside for pickup on the regularly scheduled pickup day does not relieve customer of payment. Service will be discontinued and the assigned container will be seized and held by the sanitation department if monthly bill is unpaid. (as added by Ord. #6-08, June 2008, amended by Ord. #08-15, July 2015, and replaced by Ord. #6-23, June 2023 *Ch15_11-07-23*)