

## TITLE 17

### REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

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**17-101. Refuse defined.** Refuse shall mean and include garbage, 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 including but not limited to all types of building materials, are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1975 Code, § 8-201, modified)

**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. (1975 Code, § 8-202)

**17-103. Storage.** Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons. Furthermore, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four feet (4') and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two feet (2') thick before being deposited for collection. (1975 Code, § 8-203, as replaced by Ord. #2019-09, Dec. 2019 **Ch10\_2-6-20**)

**17-104. Brush.** Brush is defined as tree limbs. Brush shall be cut to a length that can be handled by one (1) person without mechanical assistance. Brush created by a professional tree service or individuals otherwise hired to cut trees and/or brush are expressly excluded and will be disposed of by the person or persons hired to cut the brush or by the property owner. Brush will be collected on a first come basis and shall be administered by using the town's work order system. Reasonable quantities of brush (two (2) cubic yards or less) will be collected at no charge for one (1) pick up per month per household. Collections which exceed two (2) cubic yards or which exceed one (1) pickup per month will be assessed a fee or not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per additional cubic yard or fraction thereof. The public works director or city manager will resolve disputes concerning suitability of the material or the quantities involved. (as added by Ord. #24-03, May 2003, and amended by Ord. #2008-07, Nov. 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2015-07, July 2015 **Ch10\_2-6-20**)

**17-105. Location of containers.** Where alleys are used by the town refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the town refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the town for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection. (1975 Code, § 8-204, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003)

**17-106. 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. (1975 Code, § 8-205, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003)

**17-107. Collection.** All residential and commercial (non-dumpsters) refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the city or by the collection service the city has contracted with. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. All residents and commercial non-dumpster users within the corporate limits are required to participate in said refuse collection services and pay the fees therefor imposed by Spring City Board of Commissioners pursuant to § 17-110 of the Spring City Municipal Code. It shall be unlawful for parties living outside the Town of Spring City to transport refuse generated outside the Town of Spring City into the corporate limits for the purpose of disposal. (1975 Code, § 8-206, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003, and replaced by Ord. #2019-09, Dec. 2019 *Ch10\_2-6-20*)

**17-108. 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. (1975 Code, § 8-207, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003)

**17-109. 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 commissioners is expressly prohibited. (1975 Code, § 8-208, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003)

**17-110. Refuse collection fees.** (1) Residential. The cost of residential refuse collection shall be as follows:

(a) Based on one (1) pick-up per week the cost will be fourteen dollars forty-one cents (\$14.41) per month.

(2) Commercial (non-dumpster). The cost of commercial refuse collection shall be as follows:

(a) Based on one (1) pick-up per week the cost will be fourteen dollars forty-one cents (\$14.41) per month. (1975 Code, § 8-209, as renumbered by Ord. #24-03, May 2003, amended by Ord. #38-04, June 2004, and Ord. #2012-06, July 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2019-09, Dec. 2019 *Ch10\_2-6-20*, and Ord. #2023-01, Jan. 2023 *Ch11\_11-02-23*)