

## 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 are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1990 Code, § 17-101)

**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. (1990 Code, § 17-102)

**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. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the town handles

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the town handles mechanically, 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. (1990 Code, § 17-103)

**17-104. Location of containers.** Where alleys are used by the town refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six feet (6') 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 be 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. (1990 Code, § 17-104)

**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. (1990 Code, § 17-105)

**17-106. Collection.** All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officers as the board of mayor and aldermen shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1990 Code, § 17-106)

**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. (1990 Code, § 17-107)

**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. (1990 Code, § 17-108)

**17-109. Refuse collection fees.** Refuse collection fees including, but not limited to, a solid waste collection account service fee for each new collection container, shall be at such rates as are from time to time set by the board of mayor and aldermen by ordinance or resolution.<sup>1</sup> (1990 Code, § 17-109)

**17-110. Removal of cuttings, clippings, leaves, etc.** (1) Tree stumps, trunks, limbs, roots, leaves and other clippings resulting from normal maintenance and care, annual life cycle, landscaping or beautification of property will be removed by the Town of Mount Carmel provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) No stump, trunk, limb, root or other clippings shall exceed fourteen feet (14') in length;
- (b) No stump, trunk, limb, root or other clipping shall exceed fourteen inches (14") in diameter;
- (c) Each piece shall be placed on the resident's property away from power lines and trees;
- (d) Leaves must either be bagged and tied for truck pickup or wind-rowed at the curb, free of rocks and limbs for leaf vacuum pickup;
- (e) Grass clippings must be bagged and tied;
- (f) In an amount not to exceed one (1) truckload per week; and
- (g) Residents shall be responsible for the removal and proper disposal of the waste generated by contractors or any other person for the purpose of landscaping or beautification of property, tree trimming and pruning, or limb, trunk or leaf removal. The Town of Mount Carmel will not be responsible for the removal of such waste under such circumstances. (Ord. #336, Aug. 2008)

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<sup>1</sup>Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the office of the city recorder.