

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Refuse defined; definitions. The term refuse as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, trash, yard waste, and street cleanings as those terms are generally defined but shall not include body wastes, industrial or medical by-products, hazardous waste, construction waste and dead animals.

(1) "Authorized residential container." A ninety (90) gallon roll out cart used in semiautomatic or automated collection. Containers must be approved by the City of Goodlettsville and of a type suitable for collection by city equipment.

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

(2) "Bulk rubbish." The term bulk rubbish shall mean items which by their seize and shape cannot be readily placed in City of Goodlettsville approved containers, including but not limited to boxes, furniture, bedding and appliances.

(3) "Commercial housing facility." The term commercial housing facility shall mean a structure or grouping of structures, apartment complex, or mobile home park which contains more than four (4) dwelling units. Individually deeded units are excluded from this definition.

(4) "Commercial waste." The term commercial waste shall mean waste resulting from the operation of any commercial, industrial, institutional or agricultural establishment, office or professional building, shopping center, commercial housing facility, church, hospital, club or other similar organization.

(5) "Construction waste." The term construction waste shall mean materials from construction, demolition, repairs, remodeling, including but not limited to bricks, block, stone, concrete, dirt, asphalt, debris, lumber, roofing, plaster, drywall and all types of scrap building materials.

(6) "Hazardous waste." The term hazardous waste shall mean any chemical compound, mixture, substance or article which may constitute a hazard to health or may cause damage to property by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, unstable, irritating, radioactive, infectious, or otherwise harmful including hazardous waste as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-211-802(a)(7) and household hazardous waste as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-211-802(a)(7).

(7) "Industrial waste." The term industrial waste shall mean all such wastes specific to industrial, manufacturing or processing plants.

(8) "Infectious waste." The term infectious waste shall mean waste which contains pathogens with sufficient virulence and quantity so that exposure to the waste could result in an infectious diseases. Infectious waste including, but not limited to, those classified by the following:

(a) Isolation wastes - Wastes contaminated by patients who are isolated due to communicable disease as provided in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Guidelines for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals.

(b) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biological - Cultures and stocks of infectious agents, including specimen cultures from medical and pathological laboratories, cultures and stocks of infectious agents from research and industrial laboratories, waste from the production of biological, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, and culture dishes and devices used to transfer, inoculate, and mix cultures.

(c) Human blood and blood products - Waste human blood and blood products such as serum, plasma, and other blood components.

(d) Pathological wastes - Pathological wastes such as tissues, organs, body parts, and body fluids.

(e) Discarded sharps - All discarded sharps such as hypodermic needles, syringes, pipettes, broken glass, scalpel blades, etc. used in patient care, medical research, or industrial laboratories.

(f) Contaminated animal carcasses, body parts, and bedding - Contaminated carcasses, body parts (including fluids), and bedding of animals that were intentionally exposed to pathogens in research, in the production of biological, or in the testing of pharmaceuticals.

(9) "Residential housing facility." The term residential housing facility shall mean a single structure containing four (4) dwelling units or less and not operated as part of a commercial facility.

(10) "Residential waste." The term residential waste means garbage resulting from the operation and maintenance of dwelling units, excluding commercial housing facilities.

(11) "Yard waste." The term yard waste shall mean grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrubbery trimmings, and other related yard waste materials. (2000 Code, § 17-101)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the city 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. (2000 Code, § 17-102)

17-103. Number and size of containers. It shall be mandatory that all residential waste collected by the city be first placed in wheeled refuse containers. Upon the effective date of this chapter the owners of newly purchased residential housing facilities, as a condition of starting garbage collection service provided by the City of Goodlettsville, shall pay the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to set up the service. Homeowners who purchase and move to another existing residence in the city are exempt from a setup fee for trash pickup service.

Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying a residential dwelling unit within the city limits shall be limited to a maximum of two ninety (90) gallon wheeled refuse containers. Any resident needing a second container shall pay an additional fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Fees may be modified by resolution of the city commission.

The containers shall remain the property of the city at the property address where delivered, and are assigned to residences for the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the occupants. Containers which are damaged, destroyed, or stolen through neglect, improper use or abuse by the occupant-users shall be replaced by the city at the expense of the occupants or the owner of the residence. Containers which are owned by the city and damaged in the course of normal and reasonable usage shall be repaired or replaced by the city at no charge to the occupant-users or residence owner. The

containers shall not be damaged, destroyed, defaced, or removed from the premises by any person. Markings and identification devices on the containers except as placed or specifically permitted by the city are expressly prohibited and shall be regarded as damage to the containers.

Where the wheeled container program has not been implemented by the department of public works, residents of those areas will be allowed a limit of four (4) can-type galvanized or plastic containers per dwelling, no smaller than twenty (20) gallons nor larger than thirty (30) gallons. Fifty-five (55) gallon drum barrels are specifically prohibited. Cans weighing over seventy-five (75) pounds will not be picked up. (2000 Code, § 17-103, as amended by Ord. #03-638, Oct. 2003)

17-104. Lids required; condition of containers. Lids or covers shall be kept in place in order to make cans watertight. All cans shall be free of ragged or sharp edges and shall be kept as clean and sanitary as possible. (2000 Code, § 17-104)

17-105. Weight of containers; prohibited materials. Wheeled containers when filled shall weigh no more than two hundred fifty (250) pounds. Bricks, lumber, rocks, dirt, building materials including paint, remodeling waste, tree limbs, leaves, grass cuttings, garden trimmings, ashes, animal feces, dead animals, or any other material deemed unsafe are prohibited from being placed in containers. (2000 Code, § 17-105)

17-106. Residential collection procedures. Collection, conveyance, and disposal of residential waste by the City of Goodlettsville shall be done regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

Residential collection shall be made from curbside. Containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the pavement edge if there is no curb. Containers shall be placed in such a location as to be readily accessible for removal by the City of Goodlettsville and in such a manner as not to interfere with overhead power lines or tree branches, parked cars, vehicular traffic, or in any other way that would constitute a public hazard or nuisance. Containers shall not be placed, without the express permission of the city, on a public sidewalk, in the street, or in a drainage ditch.

All residents shall place their containers at curbside or street side no later than 6:30 A.M. on the date of collection. As soon as practicable, but no later than 7:00 P.M., after such containers have been emptied, they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear of, the premises and away from the street until the next scheduled time for collection.

Application for exemption to the requirements above may be made by any resident who is unable to push the container to the curb due to age, illness, or disability and who does not have an able-bodied person in the residence, or due to extreme driveway grade.

In the event a residential occupant of premises has a private driveway of three hundred feet (300') in length or more, with reasonable and adequate space for city refuse vehicles to maneuver in and out for refuse collection, said residential occupant of the premises shall be entitled to have exemption from the requirement of curbside container placement.

Certain areas may also be entitled to have exemption from the requirements of curbside container placement due to physical features that would prevent the safe and efficient collection of residential waste. A statement holding the city harmless for damage to the property by collection vehicles will be executed by the property owner.

Residential waste must be drained of all liquids and secured in plastic bags to prior to placing in containers. The containers shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and shall be thoroughly cleaned by washing as often as necessary to prevent the breeding of flies and the occurrences of offensive odors.

Items prohibited from collection shall include but not be limited to hazardous waste, infectious waste, and construction waste. (2000 Code, § 17-106)

17-107. Dogs; gates. Containers shall be placed where collectors may empty them without coming into contact with dogs. Because of the possibility of dog bite and injury, if a dog threatens a sanitation worker and makes pickup impossible, the garbage will not be collected. Where containers are inside a fenced area, a gate at least forty inches (40") wide shall be open to provide safe and convenient passage of collectors and equipment. (2000 Code, § 17-107)

17-108. Personal effects. Personal effects shall not be placed near the garage containers. Garbage and refuse shall not be stored in close proximity to other personal effects which are not desired to be collected, but shall be reasonably separated in order that the collectors can clearly distinguish between what is to be collected and what is not. (2000 Code, § 17-108)

17-109. Special pickup, brush/limb, and bulk rubbish. All brush (tree limbs, shrubbery and hedge trimmings) must be placed at curbside or street side adjacent to the front property line with the cut ends facing the street. Limb or trunk size shall not exceed eight inches (8") in diameter or ten feet (10') in length. All brush shall be neatly stacked in an un-scattered manner and shall not be placed on top of water/gas meters or valves, piled against utility poles, or any item which could be damaged by collection equipment.

All leaves and grass clippings collected by the city shall be secured in paper bags and placed at the street or adjacent to a driveway that is accessible by city collection equipment.

Collection of residential bulk rubbish shall be free for no more than two (2) "brown goods" items per month (as defined in this section). Collection of all

other residential bulk item, including white goods (as defined in this section), shall be performed after payment of a fee-for-service by the requesting residential property owner or occupant. Said fee shall be established by a resolution passed by the Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners.

Bulk rubbish must be placed at the street or adjacent to a driveway that is accessible by city collection equipment. Refrigerators and freezers shall have doors removed or secured, and shall have all contents removed. The City of Goodlettsville shall not be responsible for the collection and disposal of construction waste, bulk rubbish, yard waste or any other forms of solid waste generated or produced by contractors, tree trimmers, or persons doing work for profit or personal gain. The removal and disposal of such materials shall be the responsibility of the contractor, developer, or property owner.

Brown goods is defined as furniture, bulky single items, and single items that does not fit within the ninety-six (96) gallon roll trash cart.

White goods is defined as large household appliances. (2000 Code, § 17-109, as amended by Ord. #08-718, July 2008, as replaced by Ord. #19-952, Sept. 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

17-110. Household litter in city containers prohibited. Placement of household litter in city litter barrels placed in recreational locations in the city is prohibited. (2000 Code, § 17-110)

17-111. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized personnel shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another or to the city. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. (2000 Code, § 17-111)

17-112. Collection. All refuse containers within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the city manager shall designate. Such officer shall develop and provide to the public, such rules as deemed necessary to implement this chapter except that such rules may not conflict with the provisions of this chapter. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule in the absence of unforeseen circumstances. (2000 Code, § 17-112)

17-113. 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. (2000 Code, § 17-113)

17-114. 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 city commission is expressly prohibited. (2000 Code, § 17-114)

17-115. Hours for emptying or removing containers. No person shall empty or remove any containers used for the accumulating or handling of garbage or rubbish between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. when said containers are located within three hundred feet (300') of any building or structure used for residential purposes. Provided, however, the prohibition of such activity shall not be applicable when specifically permitted by the director of the department of public works. (2000 Code, § 17-115)

17-116. Commercial and industrial collection procedures. The City of Goodlettsville does not provide for commercial and industrial waste collection. The collection and disposal of said waste shall be the responsibility of the owner, lessee, occupants, or producer. (2000 Code, § 17-116)

17-117. Sanitation fees. (1) Sanitation fees may be established to fully fund operational and capital costs of providing the service of collection, conveyance and disposal of residential waste and bulk rubbish, as defined in title 17, chapter 1, §§ 17-101(5) and (11).

(2) The sanitation fees established shall be assessed on all properties upon which a residential housing facility, as defined in title 17, chapter 1, § 17-101(8).

(3) The City of Goodlettsville may suspend all bulk item pick up services and all convenience center drop-off services to any sanitation customer whose sanitation account is delinquent by more than sixty (60) days. (Ord. #08-715, June 2008, as amended by Ord. #19-932, March 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)