

**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. (1980 Code, § 8-201)

**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. (1980 Code, § 8-202)

**17-103. Storage.** Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the City of Red Boiling Springs where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

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 city handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the city 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 (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection. The requirements in this section shall apply also to the accumulation of refuse to be picked up outside of the city limits of Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee. (1980 Code, § 8-203 as amended by Ord. #05-7, Nov. 2005)

**17-104. Location of containers.** Where alleys are used by the municipal 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 municipal 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 city 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. (1980 Code, § 8-204)

**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. (1980 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 mayor shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, the city shall not be required to collect at the time of scheduled collections any residential refuse which is not in an appropriate container or bag and shall not be required at the time of scheduled collections to collect from any residence more than three (3) containers of refuse. Furthermore, notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, the city shall not be required on and after May 1, 2000, to collect at the time of scheduled collections any commercial refuse of any factory, of any store that serves food, and of any store that is scheduled for daily pick-ups, which is not in a dumpster.

Furthermore, notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, the city shall not be required at the time of scheduled collections to collect paint, oil, tires, brush, dead animals, and building materials. This section shall also apply to collections outside the city limits or Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee. (1980 Code, § 8-206, as amended by Ord. #00-1, Feb. 2000, 05-7, Nov. 2005 and 06-5 Aug. 2006)

**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. (1980 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 city council is expressly prohibited. (1980 Code, § 8-208)

**17-109. Use of city owned refuse containers.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to use any refuse container belonging to the City of Red Boiling Springs and located in the city park to deposit refuse which has accumulated at any location other than the city park. (1980 Code, § 8-209)

**17-110. Charges for garbage service.** A mandatory garbage collection charge shall be paid monthly on all residential dwellings and commercial customers within the City of Red Boiling Springs and those dwellings and commercial customers receiving garbage service outside the City of Red Boiling Springs city limits. All garbage service charges shall be billed on water bills, if water is used, otherwise by separate billing. Residences and commercial locations shall be billed in accordance with the following:

Residential rates inside the city limits with 1 pickup per week . . . . . \$11.00  
Residential rates outside city limits with 1 pickup per week . . . . . \$15.00

The following shall be the charges for dumpsters:

4 yard dumpster with 1 pickup per week . . . . . \$60.00  
4 yard dumpster with 2 pickups per week . . . . . \$120.00  
  
6 yard dumpster with 1 pickup per week . . . . . \$90.00  
6 yard dumpster with 2 pickups per week . . . . . \$180.00  
6 yard dumpster with 3 pickups per week . . . . . \$270.00

8 yard dumpster with 1 pickup per week . . . . .	\$100.00
8 yard dumpster with 2 pickups per week . . . . .	\$200.00
8 yard dumpster with 3 pickups per week . . . . .	\$300.00
8 yard dumpster with 4 pickups per week . . . . .	\$400.00
8 yard dumpster with 5 pickups per week . . . . .	\$500.00
10 yard dumpster with 1 pickup per week . . . . .	\$130.00
10 yard dumpster with 2 pickups per week . . . . .	\$260.00
10 yard dumpster with 3 pickups per week . . . . .	\$390.00
10 yard dumpster with 4 pickups per week . . . . .	\$520.00
10 yard dumpster with 5 pickups per week . . . . .	\$650.00

The above fees for dumpster pickups are based on the customer providing their own dumpster.

Commercial rates inside the city limits:

1 pickup per week . . . . .	\$20.00
2 pickups per week . . . . .	\$30.00
3 pickups per week . . . . .	\$45.00
Portland Housing Authority . . . . .	\$275.00
Retirement homes . . . . .	\$451.00

Corporate rates outside the city limits:

1 pickup per week . . . . .	\$25.00
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(as added by Ord. #00-1, Feb. 2000, and replaced by Ord. #10-8, Aug. 2010, and amended by Ord. #10-11, Oct. 2010)

**17-111. Use of any refuse container belonging to another.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to use any refuse container belonging to another. (as added by Ord. #00-1, Feb. 2000)