

Refuse Collection

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1.0 PURPOSE:

To describe the standard policies that are followed by the Sanitation and Street Division, Department of Public Works, Department for refuse collection.

2.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:

This policy applies to all City of West Allis departments, boards, commissions, and the general public.

3.0 POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Public Works Department to follow a uniform policy on the collection of refuse and garbage.

4.0 REFERENCES:

Chapter 7.05, City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code.

5.0 PROCEDURES:

5.1 RESPONSIBILITY

The Sanitation and Street Division, Department of Public Works Department, shall be responsible for administering the City's refuse and garbage collection program.

5.2 GENERAL POLICIES - DEFINITIONS

As used in this policy:

5.2.1 "Bulk refuse" means solid waste, exclusive of construction waste, which cannot be readily stored in approved containers. It includes, but is not limited to, furniture.

5.2.2 "Commercial" means a business enterprise, except manufacturing, and the activities associated therewith. It includes, for the purpose of this Section, all mixed units (buildings, housing, business and residential), churches, public and parochial education institutions and charitable organizations.

5.2.3 "Commercial container" means a receptacle for the storage of refuse on a multi-family or commercial premises, which is constructed, maintained and located as provided in Section 5.6 below.

- 5.2.4 "Composting" means a controlled biological reduction of organic yard waste to humus.
- 5.2.5 "Condominium" means a premises subject to a condominium declaration under Chapter 703 of the Wisconsin Statutes, including household activities associated therewith.
- 5.2.6 "Construction waste" means solid waste resulting from building construction, alteration or repair.
- 5.2.7 "Department" means the Public Works Department of the City.
- 5.2.8 "Director" means the Director of the Public Works Department and his duly authorized deputies and agents.
- 5.2.9 "Garbage" means discarded materials resulting from the handling, processing, storage and consumption of food.
- 5.2.10 "Hazardous substance" has the meaning given in Wis. Stats. §292.01(5).
- 5.2.11 "Hazardous waste" has the meaning given in Wis. Stats. §291.01(7).
- 5.2.12 "Infectious waste" means solid waste which contains pathogens with sufficient virulence and quantity so that exposure to the waste by a susceptible host could result in an infectious disease. It includes isolation wastes, cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, human blood and blood products, pathological waste, contaminated sharps, contaminated animal carcasses, body parts and bedding.
- 5.2.13 "Inorganic waste" means concrete, asphalt, brick, block, stone, ground and, for purposes of this subsection, sand.
- 5.2.14 "Manufacturing" has the meaning given in Wis. Stats. §70.995(a).
- 5.2.15 "Multi-family" means a premises improved with a building containing four (4) or more dwelling units, including household activities associated therewith.
- 5.2.16 "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization, which is acting as a group or unit.
- 5.2.17 "Premises" means a designated parcel or tract of land and any buildings and structures thereon, established by plat, subdivision or otherwise as permitted by law, which is used or developed as a unit.
- 5.2.18 "Refuse" means all components of the solid waste stream including, but not limited to, garbage, rubbish, trash and ashes.
- 5.2.19 "Residential" means a premises improved with a condominium unit or a building containing three (3) or fewer dwelling units, including the household activities associated therewith.
- 5.2.20 "Residential container" means a receptacle for the storage of residential refuse which is constructed, maintained and located, as provided in Section 5.5 below.
- 5.2.21 "Rubbish" means solid waste, excluding ashes and garbage, consisting of both combustible and noncombustible solid waste materials. It is specifically limited to small hand-carried objects which can be readily stored in approved refuse containers.

- 5.2.22 "Semi-automated mechanically loaded container" means a receptacle for the storage of refuse which is used as specified under Sections 5.5 and 5.6 below.
- 5.2.23 "Solid Waste" means garbage, rubbish, ash, bulk refuse, yard and construction wastes and all other unwanted or discarded substances and material resulting from community activities.
- 5.2.24 "Yard waste" means leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than six (6) inches in diameter; however, it does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.
- ~~5.2.1 "Commercial" means business enterprises, except manufacturing, and the activities associated therewith. It includes for the purpose of this Section, multi-family dwelling units containing four or more dwellings, all mixed-use units, churches, public and parochial education institutions, and charitable organizations.~~
- ~~5.2.2 "Commercial Container" means a receptacle for the storage of commercial waste which is constructed, maintained and located as provided in Section 5.7 below.~~
- ~~5.2.3 "Residential" means buildings containing three or less dwelling units and the household activities associated therewith.~~

- 5.2.4 "Residential Container" means a receptacle for the storage of residential waste which is constructed, maintained and located as provided in Section 5.6 below.
- 5.2.5 "Bulk Refuse" means waste, exclusive of construction waste, which cannot be readily handled in approved containers.
- 5.2.6 "Construction Waste" means waste resulting from building construction, alteration or repair, and earth from excavation.
- 5.2.7 "Garbage" means all waste, animal, fish, fowl, fruit, or other vegetable matter incident to and resulting from the use, preparation, and storage of food for human consumption, including spoiled food, but exclusive of such items when enclosed in containers of a non-combustible nature, and exclusive of any non-combustible material.
- 5.2.8 "Ordinary Refuse" means the organic component of waste and garbage, and includes paper, rags, cartons, wood, and similar material. Also included, is the inorganic component of waste, including but not limited to, metallic substances, earthenware, and similar substances. It is specifically limited to small hand-carried objects which can readily be stored in approved waste receptacles as defined herein.
- 5.2.9 "Waste" means the useless, unwanted, or discarded material resulting from housekeeping and commercial activities. It includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, and non-putrescible products incidental to the above functions.
- 5.2.10 "Department" means the Public Works Department of the City.
- 5.2.11 "Director" means the Director of the Department and his duly authorized deputies and agents.
- 5.2.12 "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization acting as a group or unit, as well as, an individual.
- 5.2.13 "Premises" means a parcel of land, whether composed of one or more lots, upon which any building or group of buildings is located.

### 5.3 GENERAL POLICIES - RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION

Residential wastes shall be prepared and stored as follows:

- 5.3.1 Garbage. Garbage shall be drained of all free liquid and packaged by securely wrapping in several thicknesses of paper, placed in plastic bags or other similar means and stored in residential containers.
- 5.3.2 Rubbish. Rubbish shall be stored in residential containers. Rubbish which may become airborne shall be securely wrapped and/or placed in plastic bags prior to being stored in a residential container.
- 5.3.3 Bulk Refuse. Small amounts of bulk refuse will be removed as ordinary refuse. Furniture and other bulk refuse not conforming to size and weight requirements may be collected, in accordance with Section 5.7 below.

~~5.3.4 Construction Wastes. Small quantities of construction wastes resulting from the direct activity of the owner or occupant of the building shall be collected by the Department if securely tied in compact bundles, where applicable, not exceeding four (4) feet in length and seventy-five (75) pounds in weight. Lumber with protruding nails will not be collected. Construction wastes resulting from the activities of a contractor or other non-occupant of the premises will not be collected by the Department.~~

~~5.3.5 Inorganic Waste. Small quantities of inorganic wastes resulting from the direct activity of the owner or occupant of the property may be collected as part of the normal refuse collection, except as provided for under Section 5.7 below.~~

~~5.3.6 Yard Waste. Yard waste shall not be collected by the Department. Residents wishing to dispose of certain types of yard waste generated on their properties may do so at a site(s) approved by the Director.~~

~~5.3.7 Ashes. Ashes and similar material shall be dampened and placed in a secure, disposable container and stored with residential refuse.~~

~~5.3.8 Animals. Small dead animals shall be enclosed in a plastic bag and placed in a secure cardboard box or other secure, disposable container.~~

~~5.3.9 Manure and Other Noxious Wastes. Animal and fowl manure and/or other noxious wastes from residential properties shall be prepared and stored as residential refuse. Excessive quantities will not be collected from residential properties.~~

~~5.3.10 Deleterious Substances. Any substance whose collection, destruction or disposal would be harmful or dangerous to personnel or equipment shall not be included with refuse for collection. The term "deleterious substances" includes, but is not limited to, acids, blasting material, ammunition, paints, lacquers and varnishes, liquid fossil fuels or their containers, and combustible alloys or chemicals. Such deleterious substances shall be disposed of in accordance with rules promulgated by the Director.~~

~~5.3.11 Infectious Wastes. Infectious wastes from residential properties shall not be included with refuse for collection and shall not be collected by the Department. Such wastes shall be prepared and disposed of in accordance with federal and state laws and rules promulgated by the Director.~~

~~Except as provided in Section 5.5 below, residential wastes shall be prepared and stored as follows:~~

~~5.3.1 Garbage. Garbage shall be drained of all free liquid and stored in residential containers.~~

~~5.3.2 Ordinary Refuse. Ordinary refuse shall be stored in residential containers or securely tied in bundles so that it cannot be blown or scattered.~~

~~5.3.3 Bulk Refuse. Bulk refuse will be removed as ordinary refuse, if located either curbside or adjacent to the alley if refuse is collected at the alley without interference due to vehicles, snow, or other obstructions; and, if securely tied in compact bundles not exceeding three feet (3') in length and seventy-five pounds (75 lbs.) in weight. Heavy tree parts shall not exceed three feet (3') in length or six inches (6") in diameter. Lumber with protruding nails will not be collected. Furniture and other bulk refuse not conforming to size and weight requirements may be collected in accordance with Section 5.8 below.~~

~~5.3.4 Construction Waste. Small quantities of construction wastes resulting from the direct activity of the owner or occupant of the building, shall be collected by the Department. Costs for such services shall be determined by the volume of said waste. Construction wastes resulting from the activities of a contractor or other non-occupant of the premises will not be collected by the Department.~~

#### 5.4 GENERAL POLICIES - COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION

~~Garbage and refuse shall be stored in commercial containers. All other solid wastes shall be stored in accordance with laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations as applicable. Commercial refuse shall be collected by a private hauler. It shall be the responsibility of all commercial property owners to make necessary arrangements for the collection and removal of the refuse.~~

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#### 5.5 GENERAL POLICIES - RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS

~~Residential containers shall be constructed, maintained and located as follows:~~

~~5.5.1 Construction. Containers shall be of substantial metal construction, tapered and provided with at least two (2) handles and a waterproof, tight fitting cover. Loose bricks, rocks or other weighted objects which are not integral to the container shall not be used to secure the cover to the container. Containers shall have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) gallons, nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, and shall weigh not more than seventy-five (75) pounds when filled. Exceptions may be made for containers designed for mechanical collection which are approved by the Director.~~

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~~5.5.2 Location. Containers shall be stored on the residential premises where the refuse is generated in accordance with Chapter 12 of the Revised Municipal Code and not upon any other private property, or any street, alley or other public ground; except as provided herein for refuse collection from the premises. Containers shall not be stored on the front side of any home or in any required yard under Chapter 12 of the Revised Municipal Code. All containers shall be placed in one area for collection. If a premise abuts an alley, containers shall be placed at the alley edge for collection. Properties not serviced by an alley collection shall locate refuse containers at the curb/street edge of the property on the scheduled day of collection. Containers shall be readily accessible to collectors without interference due to vehicles, snow, or other obstructions. Containers shall not be stored in any location, which creates or may create a public health hazard. Containers shall not be placed at the curb for collection before 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled day of refuse collection and must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of refuse collection.~~

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~~5.5.3 Capacity Required. The owner, lessee or managing agent of each residential premises shall provide sufficient containers to ensure adequate storage capacity for twice the normal collection period.~~

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~~5.5 GENERAL POLICIES - GENERAL REFUSE COLLECTION REGULATIONS~~

- ~~5.5.1 Ashes. Ashes and similar material shall be dampened and placed in a secure, disposable container and stored with ordinary refuse.~~
- ~~5.5.2 Dead Animals. Small dead animals shall be enclosed in a plastic bag and placed in a secure cardboard box or other secure, disposable container. Small dead animals will not be collected from veterinary establishments.~~
- ~~5.5.3 Manure and Other Noxious Wastes. Animal and fowl manure and other noxious wastes from residential establishments shall be prepared and stored as ordinary refuse. Such wastes will not be collected from commercial establishments. Excessive quantities will not be collected from residential establishments.~~
- ~~5.5.4 Deleterious Substances. Any substance whose collection, destruction, or disposal would be harmful or dangerous to personnel or equipment, shall not be included with refuse for collection. The term "deleterious substances" includes, but is not limited to, acids, blasting material, ammunition, paints, lacquers and varnishes, liquid fossil fuels or their containers, and combustible alloys or chemicals. Such deleterious substances shall be disposed of in accordance with rules promulgated by the Director.~~
- ~~5.5.5 Waste Containers. The placement and location of waste disposal containers shall be determined by the Sanitation and Street Division. The Building and Sign Division shall install and maintain the waste disposal containers.~~

5.6 ~~GENERAL POLICIES – RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS~~

~~Residential containers shall be constructed, maintained and located as follows:~~

- ~~5.6.1 Construction. Receptacles for residential use shall be of substantial metal construction, tapered and provided with at least two handles and a waterproof, tight fitting cover. They shall have a capacity of not less than twenty gallons (20 gals.), nor more than thirty two gallons (32 gals.), and shall weigh not more than seventy five pounds (75 lbs.) when filled. Exceptions may be made for containers designed for mechanical collection which are approved by the Director.~~
- ~~5.6.2 Location. Containers shall be located upon private property and not upon any street, alley or other public ground. If a premises abuts upon an alley, receptacles shall be placed adjacent thereto. Receptacles shall be readily accessible to collectors, without interference due to vehicles, snow, or other obstructions. Containers shall not be placed in any location which creates or may create a public health hazard.~~
- ~~5.6.3 Enclosures. All structures for enclosing refuse containers shall be provided with a front opening specifications promulgated by the Director.~~

5.7 ~~GENERAL POLICIES – COMMERCIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS~~

~~Commercial containers shall be constructed, maintained and located as follows:~~

- ~~5.7.1 Construction. Containers for commercial refuse shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with specifications established by the Director and approved by the Board of Public Works.~~
- ~~5.7.2 Location. Containers shall be placed on private property in a location approved by the Director. However, the Director may permit containers to be located on public property if a premises does not contain a suitable location for collection.~~
- ~~5.7.3 Capacity Required. The owner, occupant or managing agent of each premises shall provide sufficient containers to insure adequate storage capacity for twice the normal collection period.~~

5.6 GENERAL POLICIES – COMMERCIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS

Commercial containers shall be constructed, maintained and located as follows:

- 5.6.1 Construction. Containers shall be of substantial metal or plastic construction with covers which render the container waterproof.
- 5.6.2 Location. Containers shall be located on the premises where the waste is generated or other private property in accordance with Chapter 12 of the Revised Municipal Code; provided, however, the Board of Public Works pursuant to Section 11.165 of the Revised Municipal Code may permit containers to be located on public property if a premises does not contain a suitable location for collection as determined by the Board. Containers shall not be located within any building on the premise, unless specific written approval is obtained from the Director.
- 5.6.3 Capacity Required. The owner, occupant or managing agent of each premises shall provide

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sufficient containers to ensure adequate storage capacity for twice the normal collection period.

5.6.4 Multiple use. Where multiple businesses located upon a single premises utilize a designated refuse storage container and such properties have more than one refuse container, the names and/or addresses of the businesses must be visibly located on the container assigned for their use.

5.78 GENERAL POLICIES - EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES OF WASTE

5.78.1 Excessive quantities of waste or waste not prepared and stored for collection, as provided in Sections 5.3 through 5.45, above, shall not be collected by the Department as part of its regular collection services. The owner or occupant of a premises where any such waste is stored shall be responsible for its disposal. Such owner or occupant may apply to the Department for special collection of any such wastes, including delivery of such refusewastes to City collection sites. The Director shall promulgate rules governing special collection services and establish fees based upon actual costs for such services.

5.8 GENERAL POLICIES – COMPOSTING

5.8.1 Composting. Yard waste, as herein defined, may be composted on any residential premises for use on the premises. Compost piles or bins shall be well-maintained so as not to pose an attraction or harborage for rodents or otherwise present a health nuisance. Compost piles or bins for composting shall not be located in front of any building or in any required yard under Chapter 12 and one (1) must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling unit on the premises or any adjoining premises and at least three (3) feet from any property line. Each pile or bin may occupy a surface area no greater than twenty-five (25) square feet and may not exceed four (4) feet in height. No more than three (3) such piles and/or bins shall be permitted on any premises. Composted material shall be well-aerated so as to be free of offensive or noxious odors. No food waste or other such putrescibles shall be composted.

5.9 GENERAL POLICIES – PUBLIC NUISANCE

5.9.1 Public Nuisance. Refuse which is prepared or stored on any premises in a manner which creates or may create a public health hazard, safety hazard or blighting condition is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The Director or Health Commissioner shall order, in writing, the immediate abatement or removal of any such nuisance. If the owner or occupant of the premises fails to comply with such order within the time prescribed, they shall be in violation hereof and the Director or Health Commissioner may cause the immediate abatement or removal of the nuisance. The cost of such abatement or removal by the Director or Health Commissioner may be collected from the owner or occupant of the premises or upon certification by the Director or Health Commissioner, assessed for real estate as other special taxes. Such costs shall be in addition to any forfeiture imposed for violation hereof.

5.10 GENERAL POLICIES – GENERAL REGULATIONS

5.10.1 It shall be unlawful for a person to place, throw or leave any solid, infectious or hazardous waste, slop, dirty water or other liquid of offensive odor, or a liquid of a hazardous, flammable or deleterious nature, or other hazardous, nauseous or unwholesome substances, or any dead carcass, animal, fowl, carrion, meat, fish, entrails, manure, offal, refuse matter, rubbish, recyclables, yard waste, tires, ashes, earth, sand or other substances or material of any kind or nature in or upon any sewer, stream, ditch or other watercourse, sidewalk, gutter, street, alley or upon any private premises or public place, park or grounds in the City of West Allis.

5.10.2 It shall be unlawful for a person to allow grass clippings to be discharged or placed in or upon any sewer, stream, ditch or other watercourse, sidewalk, gutter, street, alley or upon any public place, park or grounds in the City of West Allis, or to store grass clippings on private property in such a manner that the grass clippings yield an offensive or nauseous odor.

5.10.3 It shall be unlawful for a person to allow any slop, dirty water, or hazardous, flammable or deleterious liquid or any liquid of offensive odor or of otherwise nauseous or unwholesome character, to flow from any premises into or upon any street, gutter, sidewalk, alley, road or other public ground, or upon any vacant land in the City of West Allis.

5.10.4 It shall be unlawful for a person to allow fruit from a tree or a shrub located on such person's premises to drop onto and remain upon any street, gutter, sidewalk, alley, road or other public ground.

5.10.5 It shall be unlawful for a person to pick through, sort, scavenge or remove refuse from any premises in the City of West Allis when such refuse is stored in approved containers or otherwise stored for collection in accordance with this ordinance and any applicable Department rules, unless permission has been first obtained from the owner of the premises. This prohibition does not apply to City employees engaged in the collection process or enforcement of the provisions of this section.

~~5.9 GENERAL POLICIES - ITEMS NOT FOR COLLECTION~~

- ~~5.9.1 Public Nuisance. Waste which is prepared or stored on any premises in a manner which creates or may create a public health hazard is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The Director or Health Commissioner shall order the immediate abatement or removal of any such nuisance, in writing. If the owner or occupant of the premises fails to comply with such order within the time prescribed, they shall be in violation hereof and the Director or Commissioner may cause the immediate abatement or removal of the nuisance. The cost of such abatement or removal by the Director or Health Commissioner may be collected from the owner or occupant of the premises and, upon certification by the Director or Health Commissioner, assessed for real estate as other special taxes. Such costs shall be in addition to any forfeiture imposed for violation hereof.~~
- ~~5.9.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to place, throw or leave any grass clippings, garbage, slop, dirty water or other liquid of offensive odor, or other nauseous and unwholesome substances and waste, or any dead carcass, animal, fowl, carrion, meat, fish, entrails, manure, offal, refuse matter, rubbish, ashes, earth, sand or other substances of any kind or nature, in or upon any sewer, stream, ditch, or other watercourse, sidewalk, gutter, street, alley or upon any private or public place, park or grounds in the City of West Allis.~~