

Chapter 16 SOLID WASTE¹

Sec. 16-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Commercial solid waste means solid waste resulting from the operation of any commercial, institutional or mobile home park and multiple housing facilities with more than four dwelling units.

Garbage solid waste means all putrescible wastes, including animal and vegetable matter, resulting directly from the handling, preparation, cooking or consumption of food by humans, including food wrappers and containers, and minimum amounts of liquid necessarily incident thereto but excluding sewage and human waste.

Occupant means any person who, alone or jointly with others, is in actual possession of any dwelling unit or any other improved real property, either as owner or as a tenant.

Residential solid waste means solid waste resulting from the maintenance and operation of dwelling units, excluding mobile home parks and multiple housing facilities with more than four dwelling units.

Solid waste means unwanted or discarded waste materials in a solid or semisolid state resulting from normal urban activities.

Yard solid waste means grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, shrubbery trimmings and other small quantities of rubbish normally coming from an occupied premises.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 1)

Cross reference(s)—Public nuisances: Garbage, solid waste definition, § 10-2.

Sec. 16-2. Receptacles.

The town shall provide receptacles to all premises, whether residential or commercial, unless the town determines that due to the number of dwelling units located on the premises or due to the nature of the commercial premises that a dumpster is required. When a dumpster is required, the owner of the premises shall provide one or more dumpsters as needed.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 2)

Sec. 16-3. Solid waste collection.

- (a) The occupant of every premises shall place all residential and commercial solid waste in the receptacles provided by the town and the receptacles shall be placed at the curbs so that they may be easily accessible by the town collectors.

¹State law reference(s)—Solid waste management, G.S. 130A-290 et seq.

Cross reference(s)—Public nuisances: Nuisances prohibited and enumeration, § 10-3

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- (b) Receptacles shall be placed at the curb for pickup not more than 24 hours before pickup and shall be removed from the curb and placed out of public view within 24 hours after pickup.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 3)

Sec. 16-4. Yard waste collection.

- (a) The occupant of every premises shall place all yard waste to be picked up by the town collectors between the sidewalk and the street. No yard waste will be picked up in yards, driveways or streets.
- (b) Yard waste will not be picked up unless it is free from other solid wastes such as broken glass, rocks or other debris that might damage the collecting equipment or harm the collectors.
- (c) Leaves shall be separated from tree trimmings and shrubbery trimmings and any such trimmings shall be no larger than four feet long. Leaves will be collected pursuant to section 16-8.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 4; Res. of 8-9-2010, § 1)

Sec. 16-5. Collection fees.

- (a) Charges and fees for the collection and disposal of solid wastes shall be established by the town council from time to time, a schedule of which shall be maintained in the office of the town clerk.
- (b) A separate unit charge shall apply for each premises supplied with a receptacle by the town.
- (c) The fees and charges provided for herein shall be billed monthly and shall be payable with the other town utilities billing. Such fees and charges, if unpaid, shall be a lien upon the property involved and may be collected as unpaid taxes as provided in G.S. 105-385.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 5)

Sec. 16-6. Prohibitions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Deposit solid waste in any solid waste container which is not the property of that person without the consent of the owner of such container;
- (2) Interfere in any manner with solid waste collection personnel or solid waste collection and transport equipment;
- (3) Engage in the business of collecting, transporting, processing or disposing of solid waste within the corporate limits of the town without a permit;
- (4) Permit any dirt, rocks, sand, brick, broken concrete, lumber, tree trunks, limbs or trimmings, cinders, plaster, gravel, paper, cardboard or any similar material to fall, be scattered, or blown upon any street from any vehicle transporting such material or fail to remove such material immediately from the street;
- (5) Place, discard, dispose or leave any solid waste upon a street or highway within the town or upon any property owned or operated by the town unless such solid waste is placed in a designated location or in a solid waste container; or
- (6) Place any lot clearing solid wastes or building materials for collection by the town.

(Ord. of 11-13-2006, § 6)

Sec. 16-7. Removal of dead animals.

Dead animals may be removed by the town at any time. Citizens may notify the town of dead animals by calling the town hall during regular business hours.

(Prior Code, ch. VIII, § 7)

Sec. 16-8. Pick up of leaves.

All citizens wanting leaves picked up by the town must put them in a place between the sidewalk and the street. Leaves shall be placed in clear plastic bags for collection weighing no more than 50 pounds in weight and orderly stacked. No leaves will be picked up in yards, driveways, or in the streets. Leaves will not be collected unless they are free of trash such as broken glass, cuttings, limbs, rocks, cans, or other debris that might damage the collecting equipment or harm the collectors. Limb trimmings to be collected by the town are to be cut in sections no larger than four feet in length, six inches in diameter and shall be stacked butt end to the curb.

(Prior Code, ch. VIII, § 8; Res. of 8-9-2010, § 2)

Sec. 16-9. Lot clearing or construction.

No materials such as trees, shrubbery or underbrush resulting from land being cleared shall be placed for collection by the town. Building materials shall be disposed of by the property owner.

(Prior Code, ch. VIII, § 9)