

**§ 174-2. Collection schedule; restrictions; placement at curb.  
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- A. Garbage, refuse and ashes shall be collected from each residential and commercial building within the City by the City or its subcontractor according to a schedule of collection to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Works of the City.
- B. The City shall not collect any garbage, refuse, ashes or waste of any kind from any industrial, light industrial or manufacturing plant or building.
- C. Garbage, refuse and ashes to be collected by the City or its subcontractor shall be placed at or near the curblin in front of the building from which the garbage, refuse or ashes were generated in order that said waste may be easily collected from the roadway. Said waste shall not, however, be placed so close to the roadway as to project thereon or to interfere with persons or vehicles lawfully using the roadway. The City reserves the right to limit collection to public streets that have been dedicated to and accepted by the City and may refuse to enter private property to remove solid waste. No waste receptacle shall be placed on the sidewalk prior to sunset of the day before such wastes are to be collected in the particular district. All empty receptacles shall be removed from the sidewalk no later than 6:00 p.m. of the day of collection.

**§ 174-3. Container requirements.**

- A. Refuse of all classes shall be placed and stored in suitable receptacles or containers pending removal. Containers for garbage or refuse shall be metal or plastic, watertight and fitted with handles and with a substantial tight-fitting metal or plastic cover. As an alternative, containers for garbage or refuse may be commercial plastic garbage or refuse bags securely tied, taped or tabbed closed. Shopping bags or other plastic bags which are not specifically sold as containers for garbage or refuse shall be prohibited. In addition, dumpsters shall also be prohibited.  
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- B. The combined weight from any rigid waste container and its contents shall not exceed 80 pounds. A plastic garbage bag of the permitted type shall not be filled with garbage or refuse to the extent that it causes the garbage bag to break or come open. Liquid wastes shall not be placed in a refuse container of any kind.

- C. Containers for ashes shall be of metal and sturdy construction. Hot cinders, ashes or smoldering embers shall not be placed in refuse containers of any kind for collection. Receptacles for ashes should be provided with covers to prevent the admission of snow and rain and subsequent freezing of the contents in the container.
- D. All empty boxes, cartons and wrappings to be collected shall be flattened down and securely fastened or tied together so as to require no unnecessary space on the vehicle collecting the same. All papers shall be securely tied so as to prevent scattering. No person shall place any empty boxes, cartons, wrappings or papers of any kind in the street, except near the curblin for collection in the manner described in this article.
- E. No rigid containers shall be filled above a point two inches below the top.
- F. If the type of refuse to be removed is of a bulky nature and cannot fit within the refuse receptacle, it may be wrapped in bundles and securely tied, or, as in the case of discarded furniture, it shall be broken, reduced in volume and bundled so as to permit safe and speedy handling. The greatest dimension of such bulky articles shall not be more than three feet.
- G. A sufficient number of containers for the refuse accumulating between collecting days shall be provided by every person, householder, storekeeper, shopkeeper, market, restaurant, hotel, apartment owner or other place of business served by the city. All refuse containers shall be maintained in good condition by the owners thereof and promptly replaced when no longer fit for use. Containers which have been marked with a condemned tag by the Department of Public Works will be taken away by the collectors if used after they have been tagged.

#### **§ 174-4. Prohibited activities.**

- A. It shall be unlawful to throw or disperse or permit the throwing or dispersal of garbage, refuse and waste of any type, whether collectible or not under this article, upon any lot, street, sidewalk or place in the city, other than as provided by this article.
- B. No person shall remove or disturb any garbage, refuse, ashes, waste or containers placed for collection unless he is the owner thereof or has authority from the owner or of the city.

- C. No person shall bring into the City from any other place any garbage, refuse, ashes or wastes for the purpose of having the same collected by the City or its subcontractor.
- D. No scrap metal, earth, sand, bricks, stones, plaster or debris of a similar substance that accumulates incidental to building construction nor any trade wastes generated by any industrial, commercial, retail or service establishment in the City shall be placed for collection by any person nor shall the same be collected by the City or its subcontractor.
- E. No person shall place any garbage, refuse, ashes or waste for collection in any place other than in front of the building in which such wastes were generated, nor shall any person deposit any garbage, refuse, ashes or wastes for collection in the receptacles of any other person.
- F. No vegetative waste shall be placed for collection by any person, nor shall same be collected by the city or its subcontractor as part of regular waste collection. The city may, however, designate special procedures for the collection and/or disposal of such vegetative waste. **[Added 10-26-1987 by Ord. No. 1987-19]**