

# **Public Notice**

## **TRASH AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Dear Citizen:

On September 20, 2004, the City adopted an ordinance that imposes new standards for household garbage and yard (horticultural) waste disposal services. These regulations are designed to improve the City's service capability and to eliminate undesirable conditions created during the removal of residential solid waste materials. We provide the following to acquaint you with these new standards:

### **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

(1) The frequency of service is unchanged. Residential garbage will be collected two times per week on regular schedules. Pickups will not be reduced by holidays but pickups normally scheduled to be made on a holiday may be rescheduled by the city.

(2) All residential garbage must be bagged (plastic, paper bags, etc.) and placed for collection in approved containers. A *residential garbage container is defined as a watertight, leak proof and spill proof can of galvanized steel, aluminum or plastic having two (2) handles or a bail by which it can be lifted and a tight-fitting lid which can be sealed. The can may not exceed thirty-five (35) gallons capacity and may not exceed fifty (50) pounds of weight when placed for collection. There can be no more than three (3) containers per household.*

(3) All garbage containers which have ragged or sharp edges or holes, or containers unable to support the weight of the contents therein, or containers which have any other defects likely to cause bodily injury or in any manner hamper the collection of the contents, shall not be emptied by city employees.

(4) Household garbage may not be mixed with garden waste or other yard debris.

### **YARD AND GARDEN WASTE (HORTICULTURE MATERIALS)**

(1) The city will collect on a weekly basis one pile of yard waste, including limbs, trimmings, and cuttings, not to exceed the volume dimensions which measures four feet by four feet by eight feet (approximately 5 cubic yards). Limbs shall not exceed eight (8) feet in length and four (4) inches in diameter. Persons placing wastes for collection that exceeds these standards shall coordinate with the public works department for proper removal as a "special service" pick up.

(2) Yard and garden waste shall be placed for collection immediately adjacent to the premises producing such wastes, but not upon the paved street, sidewalk, storm gutter or canal bank. No yard or garden wastes or trash shall be placed for collection within ten (10) feet of any wall, fence, vehicle, electric pole, downguys, utility lines, traffic control device, telephone interface junction panel, water valve box, manhole, tree, or any other obstruction so as to impede collection.

(3) The City will not be responsible for pick up of Construction and Demolition (C&D) materials defined as building materials and rubble including but not limited to earth, stone, brick, flooring, lumber, plaster, roofing and any other waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition of any building, pavement or other structure. C&D waste materials includes trees, tree limbs and tree stumps generated by tree surgeons, landscape, and lawn maintenance contactors. Contractors are exclusively responsible for prompt removal of C&D materials created by their services.

(4) **Special Pickup Service.** Residents should contact the public works department to arrange pick up and disposal for items not authorized under the City's regular collection service. A special pick service may apply when:

a. Yard and garden waste piles placed for collection exceed five (5) cubic yards and/or include tree limbs greater than four (4) inches in diameter and/or more than eight (8) feet in length.

b. Yard and garden waste piles placed for collection that contain materials and debris other than horticulture. Household garbage and other debris should not be mixed with yard wastes.

c. Trash placed for collection which exceed allowable standards shall be tagged and a written notice provided stating that the occupant of the premises should call for a special pick up service or remove same within forty-eight (48) hours; if the occupant fails to remove the waste or fails to call for special pick up, the city will pick up the accumulation which is in violation and the occupant will be charged for a special pickup.

d. As approved by the City Commission, a fee schedule based on the manpower, equipment use, and landfill costs shall be used to calculate the disposal costs for all special pickups. This fee shall be charged to the customer's regular utility bill.

Please keep in mind that these standards are intended to make our community look nice and to allow the city to provide a safe and efficient waste disposal service. Anyone having questions regarding these standards should contact the City's Public Works Department at 983-1471.