

# **Solid Waste Rules and Regulations**

7-1-19

## **1.0 SCOPE OF RULES**

The City of Iowa City Solid Waste Rules & Regulations contained within this document are intended to assist in the implementation, administration and enforcement of City Code, Title 16, Chapter 3, Article H.

## **2.0 SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS**

Container Specifications and Storage Requirements:

2.1. Residential Refuse: Residential refuse shall be stored in City-provided 65 gallon carts. Additional bags of refuse left curbside for pickup should be placed alongside the refuse cart in bags no larger than 35 gallons and should have a City trash sticker affixed. Containers shall be leakproof, waterproof and fitted with a fly-tight lid and shall be properly covered at all times, except when depositing refuse therein or removing the contents thereof. The weight of any individual container, including contents, shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds.

2.2. Residential Yard and Food Waste Waste: Residential yard waste collected by the City shall be stored in City-provided 25- or 95-gallon carts, paper yard waste bags, or in a solid waste container no larger than 35 gallons. Containers shall be leak-proof, waterproof and fitted with a tight lid and shall be properly covered at all times, except when depositing waste therein or removing the contents thereof.

2.3. Residential Untreated Wood Waste: Tree limbs, brush and untreated lumber measuring less than four inches (4") in diameter shall be securely tied in bundles not larger than forty-eight inches (48") long and eighteen inches (18") in diameter when being stored for pick up other than in storage containers. The weight of any individual bundle shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds.

2.4. Residential Recycling Waste, Small Scale: Residential Recycling Waste, Small Scale shall be stored in either a City-supplied 18-gallon recycling containers or 65-gallon recycling carts. Containers shall be leak-proof, waterproof and fitted with a tight lid and shall be properly covered at all times, except when depositing waste therein or removing the contents thereof. The weight of any individual container, including contents, shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Disposable solid waste containers shall not be used for storage of residential recycling waste. Each item designated by the City for recycling shall be stored in a manner consistent with these Rules and Regulations.

2.5. Residential Recycling Waste, Large Scale: Large Scale Residential Recycling Waste shall be stored in containers that are leak-proof, waterproof and fitted with a tight lid and shall be properly covered at all times, except when depositing waste therein or removing the contents thereof. Each item designated by the City for recycling shall be stored in a manner consistent with these Rules and Regulations.

2.6. Commercial Refuse: Commercial refuse shall be stored in containers that shall be waterproof, leak-proof and shall be covered at all times, except when depositing waste therein or removing the contents thereof. Commercial refuse containers shall be steam cleaned off-site at least twice each year, once during the month of May and once during the month of August.

2.7. Nonconforming Containers: Any container that does not conform to these Rules and Regulations must be promptly replaced by an approved container. If not timely replaced, the City may choose to not collect the waste, or may choose to collect and dispose of the container and its contents at the responsible party's expense. The City may provide notice of the non-conformity to the responsible party, though it is not obligated to do so.

### **3.0 RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITE LOCATIONS**

- Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center, 3900 Hebl Ave SW (Landfill)
- Iowa City Eastside Recycling Center, 2401 Scott Blvd SE (East Side)
- 1201 North Dodge Street

### **4.0 MATERIALS APPROVED FOR RECYCLING**

4.1 Curbside: Corrugated cardboard, gable-top cartons and aseptic packaging, newspaper, advertisements and inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, books, mixed office paper and envelopes, chipboard, metallic food and beverage cans, aluminum pans and foil, plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7. All containers must be rinsed prior to being placed in container. Only properly stored recycling waste shall be collected.

4.2 Residential recycling materials, large scale, shall include, at a minimum, newsprint, magazines, telephone books, mixed paper, metal cans, plastic containers and cardboard (corrugated and chipboard). All containers must be rinsed prior to being placed in container.

4.3 Drop-off Sites: Corrugate cardboard, gable-top containers and aseptic packaging, newspaper, advertisements and inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, books, mixed office paper and envelopes, chipboard, metal food and beverage cans, aluminum pans and foil, plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7, brown, green and clear glass. All containers must be rinsed.

### **5.0 FOOD WASTE PROGRAM**

5.1 Materials Approved for Curbside Food Waste Program: Food scraps and biodegradable, compostable food-related discards, including fruits, vegetables, peelings, cores, pits, seeds, grain products, non-liquid dairy products (foods prepared with dairy are acceptable), meat and seafood (raw or cooked, including bones and shells), eggs and shells, pizza and pizza boxes, coffee filters and grounds, tea and tea bags, leftovers and plate scrapings, spoiled foods, paper clamshell or boxes from restaurants, uncoated paper that has been in contact with food (napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes, uncoated paper plates and uncoated coffee cups) and compostable service ware, such as spoons, forks, plates, etc. that are certified ASTM D6400.

5.2 Materials Not Approved for Curbside Food Waste Program: Ashes from fireplace or grill, plastic, Styrofoam, metal or glass, foil- or plastic-coated paper, plates, bowls or cups, waxed or coated paper (such as meat-wrapping paper); cigarette butts and ashes, hazardous or medical waste, saran wrap and cellophane, pet waste and litter, facial or toilet tissue.

### **6.0 SCHEDULES AND ROUTES FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE BY CITY OF IOWA CITY**

6.1 The City shall collect solid waste, recycling materials, yard waste and bulky items Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Routes will be set by the Director and

posted at [www.icgov.org/garbage](http://www.icgov.org/garbage); routes may change as needed in order to accommodate capacities and workload. Collection services may be delayed or cancelled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

6.2 In the event the following observed holidays are a weekday, the pick-up service for that day will move to the following service day.

Holidays observed:

- New Years Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

### **7.0 COLLECTION POINTS OF SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS**

Containers for residential refuse, recycling, yard waste, food waste, untreated wood waste bundles, and any other solid waste permitted to be collected by the City shall be placed for collection at the curb on the street upon which the residence fronts. Placement of solid waste at the curb for collection shall occur prior to seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. on the regularly scheduled collection day but shall not occur before three o'clock (3:00) P.M. on the day before the regularly scheduled collection day. Containers shall be removed from the curb on the same day collection is made and returned to their storage location. Bulky solid waste items that are too large for approved solid waste containers can be arranged for pick-up by appointment only.

### **8.0 CERTAIN WASTES NOT APPROVED FOR COLLECTION**

The following waste materials are not subject to collection:

- Asbestos
- Building demolition materials
- Contaminated soils
- Household hazardous waste
- Lead acid batteries
- Waste oil

### **9.0 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

9.1 The following items may be disposed of for processing at the Landfill:

- Appliances
- Clean Shingles
- Fluorescent, compact fluorescent light bulbs and LED light bulbs
- Household Hazardous Materials including sharps
- Tires, on or off rim
- Yard waste and food scraps

9.2 The following items may be disposed of for processing at the Landfill and East Side:

- Electronic waste
- Waste oil and filters

### **10.0 SCAVENGING**

No person is allowed to pick through materials that are disposed of at the Landfill, East Side, or any other drop-off recycling site.

### 11.0 SPECIAL CARRYOUT SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Special collection services for solid waste, recycling materials and yard waste can be arranged as approved by the Director.

### 12.0 HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE LANDFILL

The Landfill operates from 7:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Saturday. The Director may delay opening or close the Landfill early due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. The Landfill is closed during the following observed holidays:

Holidays observed:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Independence Day
- Christmas Day
- Presidents' Day
- Labor Day

### 13.0 COVERED/SECURED LOADS

All loads containing materials that are being transported to the Landfill or any recycling drop-off center for processing and/or disposal are required to be covered or secured in a manner that prevents any part of the load from escaping the vehicle between the origin of the waste and disposal location. Disposal locations include the landfill tipping floor, yard waste pad, shingle pad and roll-off convenience area. Methods of cover or securement include but are not limited to tarps, cables, straps, cords or rope. Customers are given one no-cost warning annually; further violations incur a \$50 fee at the landfill.

### 14.0 GENERAL SAFETY

14.1 Cellular phone use is prohibited for customers upon arrival at the Landfill.

14.2 Children and pets should remain in the customer's vehicle upon arrival at the Landfill.

### 15.0 SMOKING

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes are prohibited upon arrival to the Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center and at the East Side Recycling Center.

The above stated Rules and Regulations are hereby approved.

By:  7-12-19

Title: City Manager