



## RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS

These regulations describe the conditions under which the City of Troy provides residential solid waste/recycling collection service to its citizens. Any questions regarding solid waste/recycling collection should be directed to the City's Central Maintenance & Service Facility at 335-1914. (Monday – Friday 7:00AM-3:30PM)

### GENERAL:

1. WHERE:
  - A. Residential solid waste collection will be provided to all single family and duplex residential units with a designated numbered address and fronting a public right-of-way. Solid waste will be collected along public rights-of-way. Solid waste will not be collected on private access drives.
  - B. Solid waste is considered trash/refuse, recycling, yard waste and special trash which shall be placed at the curb for collection
2. WHEN:
  - A. Curbside collection is provided weekly for trash/refuse, recycling, yard waste and special trash
  - B. All solid waste to be collected **MUST BE OUT NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M.** on the designated day of collection, but not be placed out earlier than 24 hours prior to the collection date
  - C. Holiday solid waste collection will only be delayed on Christmas and New Year's Day. All other holidays will be collected on their normal trash day. Collection will not be affected if the holiday falls on the weekend.
3. UNACCEPTABLE WASTE MATERIALS:

The following items will not be collected at the curbside under any circumstances:

  - A. Broken concrete, dirt, sod or rocks
  - B. Bricks, blocks, construction materials, demolition materials, including wood and lumber
  - C. Trees, stumps
  - D. Auto parts (i.e., body, motor, brakes, and/or tires)

(Broken concrete, dirt, sod, rocks, bricks or blocks may be taken by residents to the City's Dye Mill Road Compost Facility during the designated hours)
4. COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL WASTE:

The City will not collect or pay for any commercial or industrial waste disposal.

### TRASH/REFUSE:

1. ACCEPTABLE TRASH/REFUSE:
  - A. Normal residential garbage, refuse, and rubbish
  - B. Only refuse generated at a residence shall be placed out at that residence for collection
2. CONTAINERS:
  - A. Trash/refuse will only be collected from City of Troy trash/refuse carts. All regular weekly trash must be **IN** the cart with the lid fully closed. Individual cans or bags outside the cart will not be collected. Only special trash will be collected outside the cart. ( See special trash rules ) Carts must be placed **IN** the street with the wheels against or up to three feet away from the curb. The cart must be at least three feet from other objects such as parked cars, mail boxes, trees, recycling containers, etc.
3. ACCEPTABLE MEDICAL WASTES:
  - A. Items incidental to home medical treatment or use, including syringes, provided that disposal is in accordance with medically accepted practices

### RECYCLING:

1. Residents of the City shall participate in the curbside-recycling program sponsored by the City and its contractor. The purpose of this program is to remove from the waste stream any materials that are readily recyclable.
2. An additional recycling cart is available upon request, by calling the City's Central Maintenance & Service Facility at 335-1914. (Monday – Friday 7:00AM – 3:30PM)
3. ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING (Displayed on cart lid):
  - A. Paper, such as copy paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc. (see full list on cart lid)
  - B. Cartons for juice, milk, and milk substitutes, broth, cream, egg substitutes (caps and straws removed)

- C. Plastic bottles – bottles & jugs with a base wider than its small mouth
  - D. Metal cans – aluminum, metal cans & lids, tin cans, aerosol cans (with lids & tips removed)
  - E. Glass bottles and jars – any color, lids removed
4. UNACCEPTABLE RECYCLING (Displayed on cart lid):
- A. Hazardous product containers
  - B. Refuse and yard waste
  - C. Plastic bags, butter tubs, buckets
  - D. Electronics, batteries, light bulbs
  - E. Drinking glasses, ceramics or dishes, pots or pans
  - F. Syringes, metal hangers, and foil juice pouches

**YARD WASTE:**

1. The City provides a Yard Waste Collection Program as a curbside service to the residents to assist with disposal of routine grass clippings, tree trimmings, and leaves throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons. The City encourages the residents to utilize the Dye Mill Road Compost Facility as an additional disposal method.
- A. Yard Waste Bags
    - 1. Paper biodegradable yard waste bags are the **ONLY** acceptable bags that can be used for routine grass, leaves, garden refuse and brush trimmings. The yard waste bags can be purchased from any area hardware or lawn maintenance company.
    - 2. Plastic biodegradable yard waste bags are **NOT** acceptable and will not be collected as part of the Yard Waste Collection Program
    - 3. No limit to the number of yard waste bags collected
    - 4. Disposal of Yard Waste Bags:
      - i. Collected weekly on the regular trash collection day at the resident's curb
      - ii. Taken to the Dye Mill Road Compost Facility
  - B. Grass Clippings
    - 1. Grass clippings will be collected in Yard Waste Bags
  - C. Brush
    - 1. Brush shall be routine tree or shrubbery trimmings, and shall be placed in yard waste bags if possible
    - 2. Brush not placed in Yard Waste Bags shall be cut into 4 foot lengths, no larger than 4 inches in diameter, and bundled/tied tightly in manageable sizes. String / twine used for bundling shall be strong enough to hold pile together when being collected.
  - D. Leaves
    - 1. Leaves will be collected in Yard Waste Bags at all times
    - 2. Unbagged leaves will be collected during the fall season. Notice will be given as to the collection period. Residents are required to rake their leaves to the curb for collection

**SPECIAL TRASH:**

1. Special trash collection takes place on your normal trash day. This service is for the collection of items resulting from normal, routine replacement of household items. It is not intended for the pick-up of an entire household of furniture and appliances evictions, or resident's move outs. The city will **NOT** pick up trash placed at the curb as a result of a move out or eviction. Special trash items must be placed separate from your regular weekly trash/refuse and recycling. It is recommended that your special trash be placed behind your regular weekly trash/refuse and recycling carts, preferably on the curb lawn if possible. Special trash cannot be placed in a manner which will interfere with the collection of the trash/refuse or recycling carts. If your regular trash/refuse and recycling is picked up in the alley, your special trash will also be picked up in the alley.
2. ACCEPTABLE SPECIAL TRASH (OR SIMILAR ITEMS):
- A. Furniture, including lawn furniture
  - B. Appliances, water heaters
  - C. Carpeting/pads, mattresses, springs
  - D. Lawn care items, outdoor play equipment
  - E. TV antennas, spouting
3. UNACCEPTABLE SPECIAL TRASH: Doors of any kind, windows, any item containing glass ( except TV's) paper, cardboard, brush, construction materials, wood, car items, any item containing Freon, or anything placed in boxes, trash bags, or trash containers.

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