

Chapter 14

SOLID WASTE*

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***Cross references**—Disposal of dead animals, § 3-4; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 4; weeds and trash, § 11-21 et seq.; junkyards, § 11-76 et seq.; utilities, Ch. 17.

State law references—Solid waste management; storage, transportation and collection of municipal solid wastes, S.C. Code Reg. 61-107.5; full cost disclosure by local governments concerning solid waste management, S.C. Code 1976, § 44-96-90.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. 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:

Garbage means organic waste matter, both animal and vegetable, being comprised chiefly of waste food.

Refuse means waste material other than garbage.
(Code 1979, § 10-401)

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 14-2. Throwing from elevated places prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, let fall, or permit to drop out of any window, or from any roof, porch, or other elevated place, any dirty water, garbage, offal, ashes, filth, fruit peelings or skins, or other unclean, useless waste material.

(Code 1979, § 10-404)

Sec. 14-3. Yard or garden cleaning, weeds, trade waste, shrubbery, tree limbs, etc.

(a) No yard or garden cleanings, weeds, grass, factory cuttings, or trade waste will be picked up by the town, except that which can be placed close to a driveway or road and will not cause a hazard to motorists or pedestrians. All shrubbery and tree trimmings must be piled up. All tree limbs must be detached from the main body of the tree and must not be more than five inches in diameter, or if more than five inches in diameter, not over four feet in length.

(b) All tree limbs, brush, tree tops, stumps, or any other debris created by licensed tree trimmers or by a contractor or property owner clearing land must be disposed of by such tree trimmers, contractors, or property owners.

(Code 1979, § 10-409)

Sec. 14-4. Bringing trash, etc., into town not generated within town; prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any individual, business or commercial establishment to bring any form of trash and/or rubbish into the town that was not generated by the individual, business and/or commercial establishment located in the town. Anyone found in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.00 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

(Ord. No. 14-4, 3-9-92)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 14-4, adopted Mar. 9, 1992, not specifically amendatory of this Code, has been codified as § 14-4 at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 14-5. Sanitation fee schedule.

The rate for commercial sanitation shall be established from time to time by the town council, a schedule of which shall be on file in the office of the town clerk.

(Ord. No. 92-09-03-CT, 3-9-92; Ord. No. 06-04-03SANT, 6-9-03; Ord. No. 08-01R-03SANT, 8-11-03; Ord. No. 05-25-07ADM, § 4, 6-11-07)

Sec. 14-6. Household sanitation fee.

The rate for residential sanitation shall be established from time to time by the town council; a schedule of which shall be on file in the office of the town clerk.

(Ord. No. 93-03-08, 4-12-93; Ord. No. 06-04-03SANT, 6-9-03; Ord. No. 08-01R-03SANT, 8-11-03; Ord. No. 06-12-06RS, 6-19-06; Ord. No. 05-25-07ADM, § 3, 6-11-07)

Secs. 14-7—14-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. COLLECTION**Sec. 14-31. Liquids prohibited.**

All garbage and refuse shall be drained of liquid before being deposited for collection.
(Code 1979, § 10-402)

Sec. 14-32. Refuse prohibited.

No leaves, trees, limbs, brush, ashes, discarded building materials, dead animals or animal feces shall be deposited for garbage collection.
(Code 1979, § 10-403; Ord. No. 15-98, 9-14-98)

Sec. 14-33. Placing or depositing on streets, sidewalks, or other public property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or deposit or cause to be placed or deposited on any of the parks, streets, or sidewalks of the city any dead animal or fowl; any garbage, trash, or rubbish; any decaying animal or vegetable matter; any sweepings of residences, stores, offices, or other buildings; or for any person to deposit or place any garbage in any alley, street, stream, or other public place within the city, unless such waste is enclosed in a suitable container.
(Code 1979, § 10-405)

Cross reference—Streets and sidewalks generally, Ch. 15.

Sec. 14-34. Refuse receptacles.

(a) The occupant of a residential unit, whether owner or tenants of a single family, duplex, triplex or quadraplex unit, will be provided one 92-gallon roll-cart by the town in which to store their refuse between collections. Additional roll-carts may be purchased from the town.

- (1) Household garbage and ashes shall be placed in plastic bags before being placed in the roll-cart. Medical waste must be placed in a proper container whereas not to create a health hazard.
- (2) Garbage shall be drained and ashes shall be cold.
- (3) All residential roll-carts shall be placed at curbside adjacent to street in an easily accessible location for pickup by 7:00 a.m. of the scheduled pickup day.
- (4) No dead animals shall be disposed of in the roll-cart. The disposal of dead animals shall be the responsibility of the owner or the tenant.
- (5) Garbage, general rubbish and cold ashes shall be collected from all single-family residential units using roll-carts and from all duplex, triplex and quadraplex units using roll-carts for the storage of refuse on a regular schedule of one pickup per week.
- (6) In the event a resident is physically unable to place the roll-cart at the curbside and/or there is no one living in the household or nearby that will place it on the curb for them, the resident may request special pickup consideration. All requests are to be made in

writing to the public works director who will make a determination if a back door pickup is warranted. Handicapped residents must comply with all provisions of section 14-34.

- (7) Roll-carts shall be located whereas not to obstruct the view of the motoring public.
- (8) Roll-carts shall be removed from curbside by sunset on the day of collection.
- (9) Garbage placed in any container not provided by the town will not be removed due to health and safety concerns for our employees.

(b) *Care, maintenance, replacement of a 92-gallon roll-cart.* The occupant of any residential unit, whether owner or tenant, for which a roll-cart has been provided shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) Placing the roll-cart in a location whereas not to subject to damage by vehicular, other traffic and lawnmowers.
- (2) Oiling the wheels at intervals to maintain easy operation and to prevent unnecessary wear.
- (3) Refraining from placing in the roll-cart any hot materials, solvents or any other item which may damage plastic.
- (4) Keeping the roll-cart in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (5) Paying the cost of replacement of any cart which was damaged as a result of carelessness, improper use, or neglect, and or any other cause not resulting from actions of town personnel.

(c) *Penalty provision.* It shall be unlawful:

- (1) For any unauthorized person to remove, disarrange or interfere with any roll-cart used for the collection of refuse, or its contents.
- (2) For any person to break or damage any roll-cart in any way.
- (3) For any person to fail to keep their roll-cart clean, sanitary, tightly covered and in good repair.
- (4) For any person to deposit yard rubbish, bulk waste or dead animals in any roll-cart.
- (5) For any person to place hot ashes or any burning matter in any roll-cart.
- (6) For any person to place in a roll-cart construction, demolition waste, industrial refuse, animal or agricultural waste for collecting by the town's sanitation department.

(d) *Penalty provision.* Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both not to exceed \$500.00 or 30 days.

(Ord. of 1-27-81; Ord. No. 06-02RR, 6-10-02)

Sec. 14-35. Unlawful removal of refuse.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove refuse from any such container, or for any person to enter any such container. This section shall not preclude a town official or employee from performing his assigned duties.

(Ord. of 2-11-85)

Sec. 14-36. Leaves.

Lawn trimmings and leaves will not be picked up unless they are placed in disposable tied plastic bags.

(Ord. of 1-27-81)

Sec. 14-37. Frequency.

The town shall have the authority to collect garbage and waste at such times and intervals as deemed necessary for the health and sanitation of the community.

(Code 1979, § 10-411)

Sec. 14-38. Duties of collectors.

It shall be the duty of the collectors to use every reasonable precaution to prevent damage to cans and to avoid any scatterings. Cans shall not be thrown down, but shall be stood on end and the cover replaced. The driver of each truck will be responsible to see that his crew handles receptacles carefully and otherwise makes a neat pickup.

(Code 1979, § 10-412)

Sec. 14-39. Service to out-of-town residents.

There shall be no collection of garbage from any establishment or home outside the corporate limits unless such collection is authorized by the town council.

(Code 1979, § 10-413)

Sec. 14-40. Penalties for noncompliance with article.

Every person failing to comply with this article shall be punished as provided by section 1-10 of this Code. The municipality shall have the authority to refuse collection services for failure to comply with the rules of this article.

(Code 1979, § 10-410)