



TOWN OF PRINCETON

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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SECTION I - COLLECTION TO BE MADE UPON DESIGNATED ROUTES AND SCHEDULES.

- (A) All residential customers will receive once per week curbside collection of garbage, yard waste (i.e. limbs, grass, clippings, and plant trimmings) and trash. To ensure an equitable and timely collection of solid wastes, all residential areas shall be placed into collection routes. Each route shall receive collection service once per week. The day of service may change as routes increase or decrease in size, but not without notice. Each affected customer shall be notified, in advance, of any changes to their collection schedule.
- (B) Each commercial customer (if applicable) shall be required to contract with a private solid waste contractor.
- (C) Interruptions in service may occur in any of the normal collection schedules due to extreme weather conditions, holidays, equipment breakdowns, or due to other unusual circumstances. In the case of holiday, each affected customer will be notified, in advance, of any schedule change.

SECTION II – CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS; PLACEMENT OF CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION

- (A) The Town, or its Contractor, shall provide one (1) 90 gallon container, on wheels, to each residential customer, and commercial customer is applicable, for the purposes of garbage and trash collection (yard waste, hazardous materials, tires, and all other materials banned from landfill disposal shall be prohibited)
- (B) All containers provided by the Town, or its contractor, shall be kept on the private premises of the customer, property owner, resident, or occupant.

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- (C) Every container, required by this section, shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be cleaned (i.e. washing or otherwise) by the customer, property owner, resident or occupant.
- (D) It shall be the responsibility of each customer of the Town to place said containers beside the street (behind the curb or edge of pavement) on or prior to their scheduled collection day. For those customers who are unable to physically move the container out to the solid waste ordinance street, either due to age, illness, or other physical disabilities, the Town, or its Contractor, shall provide a pull out service to be performed by the collection personnel. These customers must contact the Town, or it's Contractor, to request this special service. Each request shall be taken into consideration by the Town, or it's Contractor, to determine, the actual need of the customer making the request. This service shall be granted at the Town's, or its Contractor's, discretion.
- (E) Containers may be placed at curbside after 5:00PM on the day before the scheduled collection day. The container must then be removed from the curbside no later than 8:00 AM on the day following day the scheduled collection day. Any customer found to be in violation of this requirement may be subject to assessments or fines by the Town.
- (F) The garbage, trash, and other household refuse shall be contained within the container provided by the Town, or it's Contractor, with the lid closed at all time. If the container provided by the Town, or is Contractor, will not hold all of the garbage, trash, and other refuse generated, the customer must request an additional container at an additional fee as reflected by the current fee schedule.
Containers other than those provided by the Town, or its Contractor, will not be emptied.
- (G) Each customer shall be responsible for the care and custody of their container. It shall be the customer's responsibility to have replaced any container damaged or destroyed by the improper use of neglect and shall care for the container as though it were their own. It shall be the responsibility of the Town, or Contractor, to replace those containers which are damaged or destroyed as a result of neglect or improper handling by the Town, or it's Contractor. The Town, or its Contractor, shall also be responsible for replacing all old, broken-down containers.

SECTION III – TRASH COLLECTION REQUIRMENTS. (HOUSEHOLD TRASH)

- (A) The Town, or its Contractor, shall collect trash along with scheduled garbage collection. **Household trash is defined as households debris, boxes (broken down), or other household rubbish.** The Town, or its Contractor, shall include the collection of this trash, in addition to what is contained within the 90-gallon container, once per week on the scheduled collection day. This additional trash must be containerized in medium-sized (less than 45-gallon) plastic bags or boxes (three or less). Construction materials may be placed out in tied bundles (two or less) in the quantities equal to or less than six (6) cubic feet for each bundle. The Town or its contractor shall pick up household debris (90 gallon container) every Tuesday/Wednesday. Additional trash will be picked up on the north side of the railroad on Fridays and on the south side of the railroad on Thursdays. Mixing of yard wastes with trash shall be prohibited. If yard wastes (including but not limited to, grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, soil, trees, limbs, shrubbery, shrubbery clippings, etc.) are mixed with this additional trash the Town or it Contractor, shall not collect the trash or yard waste. If mixed, the wastes shall be separated before collection will be permitted. Amounts in excess of the above referenced quantities will be not collected again until the next scheduled day.

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- (B) As a part of the Town's monthly solid waste fee, the Town, or its Contractor, shall collect up to two (2) dump truck loads of limbs per customer per week. Limbs must be no greater than six (6) inches in diameter and no greater than six (6) feet in length. Limbs greater than six (6) inches but less than ten (10) inches, in diameter, shall be collected only if cut into lengths of two (2) feet or less. Limbs shall be stacked neatly behind the curb (NOT in the gutter or drainage ditch) and sidewalk with all sawed ends facing the street. The Town Board may waive this limit in the event of excessive debris caused by hurricanes, ice storms, tornados or the like.
- (C) Yard Waste (including but not limited to leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, shrubbery, shrubbery clipping, other small natural waste materials, etc.) shall be containerized in plastic bags, boxes or other plastic/metal containers (no greater than 50-gallons each) and shall be placed behind the curb (NOT in gutter or drainage ditch) and sidewalk for collection once per week. Collection of yard waste shall be included as part of the monthly solid waste fee.
- (D) Beginning November 1 and ending March 1 each the Town, or its Contractor, shall collect leaves. During this period residents are relieved of the responsibility for containerizing leaves for collection and may place these leaves behind the curb (NOT in the gutter or drainage ditch) and sidewalk. These leaves shall be free of sticks, limbs, rocks, soil and other debris. If leaves are mixed with trash neither shall be collected. This mixture of trash and leaves will need to be separated before collection shall be permitted. Those customers who wish to continue containerizing leaves can be expect their leaves to be collected on the scheduled collection day each week.
- (E) The Town, or its Contractor, shall not collect any construction materials left by a contractor. It shall be the sole responsibility of said contractor and/or owner to properly dispose of these waste materials.
- (F) The Town or its Contractor, shall not collect trees, stumps, limbs and general debris related to land-clearing operations. It shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor and/or owner to properly dispose of said materials.
- (G) The Town, or its Contractor, shall collect tree cuttings related to the work completed by a tree care professional (i.e. , tree surgeon, tree trimmer, etc.) hired by a residential customer, but only if the cuttings comply with all requirements set forth in Section 3 (B).

SECTION IV- SPECIAL PICK UPS (BULK PICK-UP) (\$75.00 Per pick up)

If a customer wishes to have additional waste materials (including but not limited to trash, limbs, furniture, household debris, etc.) collected, they may request a **“special pick-up”**. This request must be placed with the Princeton Town Hall prior to collection, to authorize the pickup and assessment of a special collection fee. (See Town’s fee schedule). **The request must include a description of all materials quantities to be collected.** The special collection fee shall then be applied to the customer’s monthly utility bill after collection. If the requester is not a resident of Princeton, but has residential property in town, the requester must also include a mailing address so that the collection fee may be invoiced to the requester for payment. **Bulk items are described as furniture, appliances, desks, metal, and junk not otherwise known as household trash.**

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SECTION V - DISPOSAL OF ALL APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS)

The Town, or its Contractor, shall collect white goods (appliances such as water heaters, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, etc.). Customers wishing to have white goods picked up must place a request with Princeton Town Hall to schedule the pickup (including address/location, description of white goods, and quantities), and to authorize the assessment of a collection fee (See Town's fee schedule) for additional service. This fee shall then be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection. If the requester is not a resident of Princeton, but has residential property in town, the requester must also include mailing address so that the collection fee may be invoiced to the requester for payment.

SECTION VI - TIRE DISPOSAL

- (A) The Town, or its Contractor, shall collect tires, upon request, from residential customers only. There shall be an additional charge for this collection service. Customers wishing to request collection of tires shall contact the Princeton Town Hall to schedule the pickup (including address/location and quantity of tires) and to authorize the assessment of a collection fee (See Town's fee schedule) for this additional service. This fee shall be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection.
- (B) All tires must be clean and free of dirt and other foreign matter prior to collection. The Town, or its Contractor, shall not collect or handle any tires known or suspected to have come from outside of the town limits. Tires shall not be collected by the Town, or its Contractor, from any commercial customers.
- (C) Passenger and light truck tires shall be the only tires collected by the Town, or its Contractor.
- (D) The maximum number of tires to be collected from any one location per week shall be eight (8).
- (E) Placement of tire in containers provided by the Town, or its Contractor, shall be prohibited. Any container found to have tires inside will not be emptied until the tires are removed by the customer and disposed of properly in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION VII NONCONFORMING MATERIALS

- (A) Any materials that do not conform to the requirements set forth in section III shall not be allowed to remain along the streets of Princeton for more than seven (7) days.
- (B) In the event that any materials that do not conform to the requirements of section III are allowed to remain along the streets of Princeton for more than seven (7) days, the Town shall have the authority to collect said nonconforming materials and to assess a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar administrative fee plus the cost (including, but not limited to manpower, equipment, vehicles, landfill fees, etc.) to remove and properly dispose of the nonconforming materials.**

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- (C) All administrative fees and charges assessed by the Town for the collection of nonconforming materials shall be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection of said materials and shall be in addition to any other charges that would normally be due under any other sections of this chapter.
- (D) Prior to collection of nonconforming materials the Town, or its Contractor, shall cause a notice to be posted upon the premises of the customer notifying said customer that they are in violation of the Town's ordinance and that the Town shall collect the materials pursuant to this section and assess a fine in the amount set forth herein in addition to any other applicable charges (i.e., disposal costs). Unless said nonconforming materials are removed prior to the expiration date documented on the notice.

RATE SCHEDULE*

BULK PICK UP = \$75.00 PER LOAD

- Public Works Supervisor MUST approve the request and will determine the fee based off the amount of debris to be picked up. Scheduling and pre-payment is required at Town Hall.

Please call 919-936-8171 to schedule all bulk pick up request.

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