

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

City of West Palm Beach, Florida

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BULK ITEMS

DAYS OF COLLECTION

MONDAYS/ THURSDAYS

DEFINITION: For purposes of collection, bulk items are defined as household appliances, furniture, mattresses and large household items too bulky to be bagged.

GUIDELINES: Bulk items must be placed for collection at curbside after 6 p.m. the day before collection. Containers must be retrieved before the end of the day of collection.

Household appliances such as old refrigerators (doors must be removed), stoves, washers, dryers, and dishwashers, also mattresses and furniture will be picked up twice a week. These items must be placed beside the garbage cans. If a special need arises that bulk items must be placed out other than during the designated time, please call the Engineering & Public Works Department (659-8047) to arrange for a special pick-up. There may be a charge for this special pick-up.

GARBAGE

DAYS OF COLLECTION

MONDAYS / THURSDAYS

DEFINITION: For purposes of collection, garbage is defined as household refuse subject to decay, including food residue and such wastes as cans, bottles, paper, cardboard boxes and other small debris.

GUIDELINES: Garbage must be placed for collection at curbside after 6 p.m. the day before collection. Containers must be retrieved before the end of the day of collection.

For collection, garbage must be placed in acceptable containers. Acceptable containers are metal or plastic cans with tight-fitting lids. Plastic bags may be used as long as they are waterproof, spill proof, tightly tied and will not tear when lifted. **CARDBOARD BOXES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS.**

Fold cardboard boxes flat. Do not exceed four (4) foot lengths. Bundle and tie the boxes so that they do not exceed 50 pounds. Then place them beside your recycling bins.

No container larger than 30 gallon capacity nor weighing more than 50 pounds when loaded may be used.

Fruits such as mangoes and watermelons and other materials which would decay **MUST** be placed in garbage containers and put out for garbage collection. Such items **MAY NOT** be placed with yard waste or bulk items.

ALL liquids must be drained from garbage.

Cat litter and Sawdust must be bagged and placed for garbage collection,

Hypodermic needles **MUST** be carefully sealed before being put into garbage container.

YARD WASTE

DAYS OF COLLECTION

THURSDAYS

PLACE OUT FOR COLLECTION BEFORE 7:00 AM THURSDAY

DEFINITION: For purposes of collection, yard waste is defined as shrubs, tree prunings or any green vegetation.

Yard waste must not be contaminated with garbage or bulk items. Yard waste must NOT be placed in cardboard boxes.

Yard waste may be stored only on or in front of the property producing such refuse.

For collection, small lawn cuttings and trimmings should be put in plastic bags and placed with yard waste for collection. ANY SMALL TRIMMINGS PLACED WITH YARD WASTE WILL NOT BE SWEEPED UP BY CITY PERSONNEL. Any debris that remains after large material is removed must be cleaned up by the resident.

THE CITY WILL NOT COLLECT YARD WASTE LEFT BY LANDSCAPE AND LAWN SERVICE COMPANIES. These service companies are responsible for the removal of all debris and trimmings from the property.

Yard waste may include items like large tree limbs and tree stumps not exceeding (4) inches in diameter, four (4) feet in length or 50 pounds in weight. This yard waste may be placed for collection only on CITY DESIGNATED PICK-UP DAYS.

The allowable limit is seven cubic yards (4 feet wide x 12 feet long x 4 feet high). Any material placed for collection prior to the authorized period may cause a special pick-up charge to be levied.

NO YARD WASTE ITEM SHALL BE PLACED FOR COLLECTION AGAINST OR WITHIN TEN (10) FEET OF ANY WALL, FENCE, TREE, GUY WIRE, VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTION.

Doing so prevents pick-up by the loaders. Yard waste may not extend more than four (4) feet into the paved street as this presents a hazard.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Our solid waste service does not include building materials left by contractors or construction tradesmen. Those materials must be removed by the contractor or construction tradesmen. HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSING OF HOME REPAIR DEBRIS, for example, cabinets, drywall, fencing, concrete, roofing, piping, plumbing fixtures, etc.

Our solid waste service does not include the removal of tires, sod, dirt, wood, building materials, concrete, either loose or containerized.

Hazardous wastes, for example, paint, used oil, pesticides, car batteries, etc., will not be collected with garbage, yard waste or bulk items. Please contact the Solid Waste Authority at 687-1100 for advice on disposal of such wastes.

Dead animals will not be collected with garbage, yard waste or bulk items. Please call the Engineering and Public Works Department at 659-8047 for advice on disposal of these wastes.

Our service does not include the pick-up of large containers such as 55-gallon drums or paint cans. These items must be disposed of through the Solid Waste Authority.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special pick-up of yard waste or bulk items can be arranged by telephoning the Engineering and Public Works Department. This service depends upon the availability of manpower and equipment, and the status of the regular collection schedule. A SPECIAL FEE MAY BE CHARGED.

A special fee per cubic yard will be charged for yard waste or bulk item piles contaminated with garbage and also for oversized piles.

OWNER / AGENT / TENANT RESPONSIBILITY

The owners, tenants or their agents, whether improved or unimproved, shall be responsible for keeping the following areas free from garbage and refuse at all times. Exclusive of those periods immediately prior to collection, said areas to include the entire premises as well as the yards and one-half of the alley right-of-way, street right of way and/or easement adjoining such property.