

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL & COLLECTION ORDINANCE
COUNTY OF GRAYSON**

An ordinance providing for the health and welfare of the County of Grayson by regulating the storage, collection, and disposal of solid waste, the governing of solid waste collectors, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

The County of Grayson hereby ordains as follows:

Section I

Short Title: This ordinance shall be known as the “Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance” of Grayson County, Virginia.

Section II

Definitions:

- A. The term “**garbage**” shall mean all animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or consumption of foods.
- B. The term “**ashes**” shall mean the residue resulting from the burning of wood, coal, coke, or other combustible materials.
- C. The term “**rubbish**” shall include glass, metal, paper, plant growth, wood, or non-decaying solid wastes.
- D. The term “**solid waste**” shall mean all refuse, except body wastes, and shall include garbage, ashes, and rubbish.
- E. The term “**disposal**” shall include the storage, collection, disposal, or handling of refuse.
- F. The term “**person**” shall include any natural person, association, partnership, firm, or corporation.
- G. The term “**premises**” shall mean land, building, or other structure, vehicle, watercraft, or parts thereof upon or in which refuse is stored.
- H. “**Responsible Authority**” shall mean the legally designated authority of the County of Grayson who shall be authorized and directed to implement and enforce the provisions of this ordinance, or his authorized representative.
- I. The term “**door-to-door**” shall be construed as the entrance drive of Residential Units.
- J. The term “**public road**” shall mean each road in the county which has been designated a road number by the State Highway Department.
- K. “**Other**” – The singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

- L. The term **‘Residential Unit’** shall mean a group of rooms located within a building and forming a single inhabitable unit with facilities which are used or are intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating.
- M. The term **‘Multiple Residential Unit’** shall include: town houses, condominiums, apartment complexes, and manufactured home parks consisting of four or more Residential Units.
- N. The term **‘Recreational Vehicle – Temporary Unit’** shall mean a vehicle which is built on a single chassis, is 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, is designed to be self propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck, and is designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal use that is present on January 1st, of that tax year on any parcel zoned as Shoreline Recreation.
- O. The term **‘Recreational Vehicle –Permanent Unit’** shall mean a vehicle which is built on a single chassis, is 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, is designed to be self propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck, and is designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal use and meets the permit requirement for placement and elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes as stated in the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Section III

- A. Preparation of refuse:
 - 1. All refuse shall be drained free of excess liquids before disposal
 - 2. All refuse shall be placed in an approved container.
 - 3. All garbage shall be placed securely in paper or plastic bags or boxed prior to placing in approved container.
 - 4. Rubbish to include tree trimmings must be cut into lengths of 12 inches or less if more than 1 inch in diameter and shall not exceed 3 inches in diameter. All trimmings must be placed in designated container.
- B. Solid Waste Containers:
 - 1. All containers shall be:
 - a. Constructed of galvanized metal or plastic and shall have fitted lids
 - b. Heavy strength plastic garbage bags, securely tied
 - 2. No container shall be larger than 32 gallons nor exceed 40 pounds when filled with refuse.
 - 3. All containers and container storage bins must be kept clean and free of refuse build-up.

4. The unloading side of all container storage bins cannot exceed a height of 32" from ground level.
- C. Storage of Refuse:
1. Each householder or person having solid waste must keep such solid waste within approved containers.

Section IV

- A. Collection:
1. Refuse containers shall for the purpose of collection, be placed at ground level, and be readily accessible to the collector.
 2. Refuse containers shall be placed at entrance drive to a Residential Unit or that of the Recreational Vehicle Unit, and shall be placed 3 to 4 feet from edge of public road.
 3. A maximum of four (4) 32 gallon/40 pound refuse containers shall be collected from any single residence per collection period.
- B. Collection Frequency:
1. Refuse collection shall be provided once a week for residential collection, except on days when the weather doesn't permit and on holidays which are declared to be, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
 2. On such days when the collection route cannot be run according to Section IV, B-1, the collection route(s) missed that week will be made on the regularly scheduled pick-up date the following week.
 3. Motels, restaurants, institutions, and commercial establishments may require more frequent collection, if determined by the governing body or the Health Department to be essential to protect the health of the public. Sanitary storage of refuse may be required.
- C. Contractor:
1. The county may contract with a contractor for the collection and disposal of solid waste.
 2. The contractor will be governed by this ordinance and the actual contract entered into by the County of Grayson and the contractor attached hereto.
- D. Collection Equipment:
1. All vehicles used for collection of refuse shall be equipped with closed typed bodies or shall have enclosed cargo space.
 2. It is unlawful to collect, haul, transport, or convey refuse in open unenclosed vehicles except from one's own residence to the approved sanitary landfill.

Section V

- A. The following refuse shall be considered to be not acceptable for collection or disposal by the County of Grayson:
1. Dangerous materials or substances, such as poison, acid, caustics, infected materials, and explosives.
 2. Unusual quantities or materials resulting from the repair, excavation, or construction of buildings or structures such as: earth, plastic, mortar, and roofing material. Maximum of 32 gallons or 40 pounds will be allowed per week in an approved container.
 3. Materials which have not been prepared for collection in accordance with the regulations in Section IV (A).
 4. Unusual quantities of solid waste resulting from industrial processes or agricultural processes, except upon negotiated arrangements with the Grayson County Board of Supervisors.
 5. Any material which may be declared not acceptable by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors.

Section VI

- A. Disposing of Refuse:
1. It shall be unlawful to dump, destroy, or otherwise dispose of solid waste within the jurisdictional limits of the County of Grayson except at County approved sanitary landfill.
 2. Other methods of disposal must be approved by the Virginia State Health Department.
 3. State/County Burning Laws will remain in effect.
- B. Littering is unlawful in the following areas:
1. Roadsides – State and County roads or rights of way.
 2. Public Property – Federal, State, or County owned property.
 3. Private Property – It will be the responsibility of the owner or the occupant of any premises within Grayson County for sanitary conditions of the premises occupied by him. It will be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or allow to be placed or deposited on his premises any solid waste, except as designated by the terms of this ordinance.
 4. Any person seen disposing of refuse or who can be linked to the disposing of refuse on any of the premises stated in Section VI will be prosecuted in accordance with Section IX of this ordinance.

Section VII

- A. All owners of Residential Units as defined in Section II.L., all owners of Multiple Residential Units as defined in Section II.M. and all parcel owners in which the Recreational Vehicle Units as defined in Sections II.N .and O. rests, must subscribe to collection services as offered by Grayson County and any commercial establishment may subscribe after negotiated arrangements with contractor in accordance with Section VIII (A-2).
- B. Services to be offered are:
1. Door-to-door service for each Residential Unit, Multiple Residential Unit and Recreational Vehicle Units of Grayson County in accordance with Section IV (A-2).
 2. A Multiple Residential Unit of four or more Residential Units shall have bin service. The size and/or number of required bins shall be based on the number of Residential Units as per the Fee Schedule.
 3. Service will be provided at the sanitary landfill to all towns and commercial establishments providing that they transport their own refuse or contract for the transportation and pay a nominal sanitary landfill fee payable to Grayson County.
 4. Service will be provided at the sanitary landfill to all residents of Grayson County who hauls his own refuse except for those items not authorized for collection in Section V.

Section VIII

- A. Payment for Services:
1. Each owner of a Residential Unit, Multiple Residential Unit and the parcel owner in which the Recreational Vehicle Units rest, shall pay based on a collection fee schedule as adopted by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors. Payment shall be made to the Grayson County Treasurer's Office.
 2. Unit Owners qualifying for Elderly/Disabled Tax Relief and Disabled Veteran Relief, as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, will not be subject to payment for services as prescribed in this Section and shall not pay a fee for residential solid waste collection. All other provisions of this Ordinance shall apply
 3. Participating industry and commercial establishments shall, under contract with Grayson County, pay based on a collection fee schedule as adopted by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors. Payment shall be made to the Grayson County Treasurer's Office.
 4. The Grayson County Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of payment for services pursuant to Section VIII of the Ordinance, and may utilize all appropriate collection remedies.

Section IX

A. Penalties:

1. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class II Misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not less than the amount provided in the Code of Virginia for Class II Misdemeanors at the time of conviction. Each day may be considered a separate offense for ongoing violations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, violations of Sections V, VII and VIII of this Ordinance shall not constitute a misdemeanor but shall be handled administratively, including but not limited to discontinuance of service, and institution of civil collection proceedings for collection of unpaid service fees.
2. Enforcement of this ordinance is the responsibility of the Grayson County Treasurer's Office in conjunction with the Grayson County Sheriff's Department, town police in Grayson County, and the Grayson County Health Department. Citations should be issued to violators of this ordinance by the above-mentioned agencies.
3. Non-payment of a participating commercial establishment may constitute removal of any county provided bin or container. When removal of such bin or container has resulted, a charge of \$50.00 (fifty dollar) will be required to reinstate the account and return the bin or container to the location. A charge of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to reinstate the account and return the bin or container to the location will be required for each occurrence thereafter.

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