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Town of Sparta

Sanitation's Collection Policy

PURPOSE

The Public Works Department aims to collect all sanitation items on the same day that the rollout is conducted. The Town Council determines the fee for this service, which is subject to annual changes.

POLICY

- Only Town-issued trash cans will be collected.
- Residential solid waste rollouts are collected weekly from Monday to Friday. Each residence is assigned a single 96-gallon rollout that is not associated with a specific occupant. Homeowners may purchase an additional cart at the prevailing price if necessary. Each residence is permitted a maximum of two carts.
- Business rollout carts are designated for small businesses that generate insufficient waste or lack the space to accommodate a 4-yard dumpster. Such businesses will be permitted to utilize up to three rollout carts, which collectively are equivalent to a 2-yard dumpster. The associated fee for these three carts will consist of a one-time deposit of \$____ and a monthly charge of \$60.00, \$120, or \$180, depending upon the frequency of trash collection designated for the week.
- Please position your rollout cart at the curbside (behind the edge of the curb and gutter or the edge of the pavement) prior to 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. Kindly remove the cart from the curb by midnight on the day of collection.
- Position the rollout cart at the curbside, ensuring it is not placed in the street, for collection purposes. The cart must be situated away from potential obstacles, including but not limited to automobiles, mailboxes, yard waste, bulky items, and telephone poles. If our crews do not see you cart, it will not be collected.
- The Town may need to designate specific locations for residents to place rollout carts to ensure the provision of safe and efficient service.
- Residences situated on corner lots will be serviced from the street areas considered most accessible for collection crews and equipment.
- Apartment complexes and mobile home parks that are not serviced by a dumpster will be assigned a designated location. Rollout carts that are not placed at the designated location will not be collected.
- Only put household garbage and waste in your rollout cart. Flatten bulky items like boxes to ensure all waste fits inside the cart.
- The Town will not collect excess solid waste that is placed alongside the rollout cart. Solid waste will solely be collected within authorized 96-gallon rollout carts. Should an additional cart be necessary, please contact Town Hall for information regarding the purchase process.

- The Town will permit the presence of excess solid waste adjacent to carts during exceptional circumstances, such as the week of and the week after Christmas.
- Town personnel will retrieve roll-outs at the designated "back door" of residences belonging to elderly individuals or those with physical disabilities. In order to avail oneself of this service, the Town mandates the submission of a medical note. Please contact Town Hall for further information.
- The Town will undertake all reasonable measures to facilitate the collection of your rollout during adverse weather conditions; however, if the landfill and/or transfer station is closed, the Town is unable to collect solid waste. The Town will communicate all changes to relevant media outlets.

Do not place the following items in your rollout carts:

- Dead Animals
- Hot Ashes
- Loose Sawdust
- Yard Waste
- Motor Oil
- Wet Paint
- Animal Waste
- Human Waste
- Flammable Liquids, including cooking oils
- Unprepared Medical Waste
- Closed containers (such as oil drums)
- Propane tanks
- Automobile tires
- Metal items
- Appliances
- Hazardous/flammable materials
- Chain link fence
- Wire fence

Building materials are not considered residential solid waste and will not be collected once per week. Examples of building materials we do not collect weekly are:

- Lumber
- Bricks
- Concrete
- Roofing Materials/ Shingles
- Sheetrock/Plaster/Wallboard
- B. Yard Waste and Limb Collection

The aforementioned items are examples of prohibited items that must not be deposited in the trash cart. Collection crews are authorized to refuse service if such items are found in the cart or dumpster.

LOST/DAMAGED TRASH CAN

The Town shall not be held liable for any roll-out carts owned by the Town that are lost or damaged by the property owner. Town crews will evaluate all carts on the day of collection and will report any incurred damage. The town-owned dumpster will be replaced by the Town as needed.

SERVICE SUSPENSION

Households and businesses that persistently violate this policy by placing prohibited items in the cart or dumpster may be subject to the suspension of their services. Furthermore, the Town may impose fines in accordance with Town ordinance. If the dumper is owned by the Town, it shall be removed from the site upon the suspension of services.