

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 44 - SOLID WASTE
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Sec. 44-21. Residential collection; fees.

- (a) The city will provide for the collection of solid waste and recyclable material from all residential properties as defined herein. Fees for residential waste collection shall be in accordance with city costs on a per unit basis.
- (b) Occupants of residential properties that receive city waste collection shall utilize suitable containers for the storage, transportation and disposal of solid waste. This includes all solid waste placed curbside for disposal. The weight of solid waste placed in each suitable container shall not exceed 30 pounds.
- (c) All residents who live in residential structures receiving city waste collection shall separate recyclable material from their rubbish. Recyclable material must either be transported to the facility or be placed in suitable recycling containers for curbside collection.
- (d) Recyclable material and solid waste are to be set curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding regularly scheduled waste collection and no later than 7:00 a.m. of the day of waste collection as established by public works.

(Ord. of 11-3-2003, § B)

Sec. 44-22. Collection from apartment buildings; fees.

- (a) The city will collect solid waste and recyclable material from multiple unit apartment buildings for only those buildings owned by applicants who complete, submit and receive approval of an application to continue this service.
- (b) All residential properties containing four to seven units, excluding owner-occupied, will be assessed a fee per unit for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal. To qualify for owner-occupied exemption the applicant must show proof of building residency. Fees per unit will be assessed and billed in accordance with the city's billing and collection policy. Failure to pay fee will result in termination of service. The city may adjust the fee annually to reflect city's costs.

(Ord. of 11-3-2003, § C)

Sec. 44-23. Commercial collection excluded.

Solid waste and recyclable material will not be collected by the city from any commercial activity or property.

(Ord. of 11-3-2003, § C)

Sec. 44-24. Time for setting out waste for collection.

No person shall put out waste for collection sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding the date on which waste is collected by the city in such location, and no person shall allow any waste containers to remain on any street or sidewalk for more than 24 hours after the collection of waste has been completed. Waste must be out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. of the day on which waste is collected by the city in such location.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.1)

Sec. 44-25. Standards for waste containers.

No person shall put out waste, including garbage, for collection by the city except in suitable, durable containers covered by a tight fitting cover or securely closed plastic bags designed for trash disposal, which are:

- (1) Watertight and flytight;
- (2) Free from sharp edges and not exceeding 30 pounds in weight, including contents; and
- (3) No larger than 33 gallons in capacity.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.3)

Sec. 44-26. Types of waste collected by city.

No person shall put out waste for collection by the city other than household waste, except that waste from construction repairs or household waste which is too large to fit inside standard containers may be put out for collection by special permission of the public works director.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.4)

Sec. 44-27. Collection of leaves and yard waste.

The term "household waste," includes leaves, grass cuttings, weeds, branches and the like. Such materials, not to exceed four containers per week, must be contained, and branches and prunings shall not exceed two inches in diameter and 24 inches in length.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.5)

Sec. 44-28. Disposal of ashes.

No person shall put out hot ashes for collection, and all ashes put out for collection shall be separated from all other kinds of waste and secured in a closed container.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.6)

Sec. 44-29. Duties of landlords.

Every owner of rental property shall provide his tenants with a sufficient number of waste containers meeting the requirements of section 44-25 to meet their normal weekly requirements for waste disposal. Such containers shall be stored in a sightly manner on the premises at locations reasonably accessible to the tenants at all times when not legally upon the street or sidewalk for collection.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.7)

Sec. 44-30. Right of city to refuse to collect certain waste.

The city may refuse to accept for collection any waste which has been put out for collection in a manner which does not comply with the requirements of sections 44-24 through 44-28, including sharp objects which

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could protrude from waste containers, such as broken glass and other sharp objects such as razors, hypodermic needles, etc., which materials shall be contained in a puncture-resistant container. The owner of such waste shall transport it or cause it to be transported to the municipal solid waste disposal facility at his own expense.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.8)

Sec. 44-31. Unauthorized removal of waste set out for collection.

No unauthorized person shall remove any garbage or waste or any portion of any garbage or waste that has been placed for collection by the city.

(Code 1967, § 22-3.9)

Sec. 44-32. Accumulations of refuse.

No person shall allow any material to collect or lie on property which he owns, occupies or controls in such a manner that it attracts flies, annoys or interferes with the safety, health, comfort or repose of the public, emits odors, or is unsightly or is offensive.

(Code 1967, § 25-2.1)

Sec. 44-33. Transporting offensive substances.

No person shall carry or convey through any street or public place any substance or any package or bag containing any substance in such a manner that it drips, leaks or drops and emits odors, or is offensive, nor shall such a conveyance or containers be left standing in any street or any public place.

(Code 1967, § 25-2.2)

Secs. 44-34—44-54. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. RECYCLING STANDARDS

Secs. 44-55—44-83. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Sec. 44-84. Designation of place.

The city manager shall designate a place as a public waste facility for the depositing of rubbish, ashes, cinders, tin cans, junk, and other household or commercial or industrial waste or refuse, and no person shall deposit such materials elsewhere than at such designated facility.

(Code 1967, § 25-2.3)

Sec. 44-85. Unauthorized removal of materials.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any materials of any kind or nature from or about any waste disposal facility without a permit from the city manager.

(Code 1967, § 25-2.6)

Sec. 44-86. Regulations for use.

Use of any waste disposal facility shall be governed by this article and by such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this article as the city manager may establish for this purpose. Notice of any such regulations shall be given by publication in a local newspaper and by conspicuous posting at the site of any waste disposal facility. The term "waste disposal facility," for purposes of this article, includes the waste facility located on Goldthwaite Road.

(Code 1967, § 25-2.7)

Sec. 44-87. Fees for use of waste disposal facilities.

- (a) The city manager may levy fees in accordance with a schedule adopted by Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation for disposal of nonresidential solid waste at the energy recovery plant upon those persons who generate such waste. The fees assessed shall also include the city's cost of administering the billing process.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection (b), the term "nonresidential solid waste" means all industrial and commercial waste, including waste from multiunit apartment buildings in common ownership consisting of eight or more dwelling units.
- (c) Contractors and utilities with prior credit approval will be billed on a monthly basis for services provided.
- (d) Interest shall be due upon any disposal fees which remain unpaid for more than 30 days from the date of billing. The rate of interest shall be the same as that which has been currently established for unpaid municipal property taxes and may be amended from time to time by the city council.

(Code 1967, §§ 25-2.8, 25-2.9)