

CHAPTER 41: GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION DISPOSAL

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Statutory reference:

Regulation of trash and garbage, see G.S. 160A-192

41.01 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

“BUILDING MATERIAL SCRAPS” Scrap building material from the construction, reconstruction, remodeling, or repair of a building, walkway, driveway, sign, and other structure, including but not limited to, excavated earth, tree stumps, rocks, gravel, bricks, plaster, concrete, lumber, or any other similar material used in construction or the containers or wrappings therefore.

“GARBAGE” All putrid wastes, including animal and vegetable matter, animal offal and carcasses, and recognizable industrial by products but excluding sewage and human wastes.

“REFUSE” All non putrid wastes.

“SOLID WASTE” Garbage, refuse, rubbish, trash and other discarded solid materials, including SOLID WASTE materials resulting from homes, businesses, industrial, commercial, and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage or other significant pollutants in water resources, such as silt, dissolved or suspended solids in industrial waste water effluents, dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or other common water pollutants.

“TREE TRIMMINGS” Tree limbs, leaves, shrubbery, weeds, plants or grass.

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41.02 CONTAINERS REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, place, or deposit any garbage or refuse of any kind on any public or private property except in approved containers as described in 41.05 or as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Penalty, see 10.99

41.03 BURNING OR BURYING GARBAGE

It shall be unlawful to burn or set fire to any garbage for the purpose of disposal. In addition, it shall be unlawful to bury any refuse for the purpose of disposal unless a permit therefore has been granted by the Fire Chief.

Penalty, see 10.99

Editorial Note: Extensive state regulations are in effect with respect to the open burning of trash and refuse; see Dept. of Environmental Management; Regulations Governing the Control of Air Pollution.

41.04 ACCUMULATION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE PROHIBITED

All garbage and refuse shall be collected and placed in containers as required by this chapter, and it shall be unlawful for any person to permit garbage or refuse to accumulate or remain on any premises longer than is reasonably necessary to remove and deposit same in approved containers as required herein.

Penalty, see 10.99

41.05 APPROVED CONTAINERS

The occupant of every building, premise, or place where garbage does or may exist, shall provide himself with a garbage can made of substantial galvanized iron or other non-rusting material in which he shall deposit all garbage existing at the place occupied by him. Such can shall be provided with handles or bales and with a tight-fitting cover made of the same materials as the can. All garbage cans shall be watertight. The size of the can shall not be less than 20 gallons and not more than 30 gallons.

(Ord., passed 3-3-81) Penalty, see 10.99

41.06 PREPARATION OF GARBAGE

In addition to the requirements of 41.05, owners of commercial establishments shall be required to break down all cardboard boxes and containers with the same to be deposited in proper containers as described in 41.05 or in heavy-duty plastic trash bags. The purpose of this section is to aid town personnel in picking up and disposing of bulky items of trash which may otherwise be allowed to accumulate.

(Ord., passed 3-3-81) Penalty, see 10.99

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41.07 COLLECTION FEES

The occupant of every building, premise, or place where garbage collection service is provided shall pay garbage collection fees as established from time to time by the Town Board of Commissioners.

41.08 UNLAWFUL TO DISPLACE CONTAINERS

It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, displace, or to otherwise interfere with garbage containers or their contents except the owner or on permission or at the request of the owner.

Penalty, see 10.99