

TITLE 17
REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Definitions.

- 1) “Bulk refuse.” Items of solid waste which are too large, heavy or bulky to be disposed of in the automated garbage collection system refuse container and which are not grass, leaves, yard waste, or hazardous refuse. “Bulk refuse” items include but are not limited to boxes, furniture, lawn mowers, toys, construction materials, and any yard refuse exceeding twelve inches (12”) in diameter.
- 2) “Commercial refuse.” All solid waste from a retail, wholesale or industrial businesses of any nature but not to include bulk refuse, hazardous refuse, leaf refuse or yard refuse.
- 3) “Hazardous refuse.” Any chemical, compound, mixture, substance, or article which may constitute hazard to health or may cause damage to property by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, unstable, irritating, radioactive, or otherwise harmful.
- 4) “Leaf refuse.” The fallen leaves of deciduous trees; leaf refuse does not include yard refuse.
- 5) “Multi-family refuse.” All solid waste from residential structures containing three (3) or more individual units but not to include bulk refuse, hazardous refuse, leaf refuse, or yard refuse.

- 6) “Residential back door service.” Service provided by the City of Dickson to residential customers that require the removal of residential refuse adjacent to the primary residence.
- 7) “Residential refuse.” All solid waste from single family, duplex, condominium, and town house dwellings as defined by the City of Dickson Municipal Zoning Ordinance but not to include multi-family, bulk refuse, hazardous refuse, leaf refuse or yard refuse.
- 8) “Yard refuse.” Shrubs, tree trimmings, clippings, and shrubs or trees from which all dirt has been removed; yard refuse does not include leaf refuse. (Ord. #1368, Nov. 2015)

1Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the city are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1995 Code)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the City of Dickson where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. All refuse must be drained of all free liquids, bagged, and placed inside containers. (Ord. #1368, Nov. 2015)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six feet (6’) of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the city for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied, they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection. (1995 Code)

17-105. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to collectors who have complied with the requirements of the health department and to whom a permit has been issued to collect refuse and garbage. (1995 Code)

17-106. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the city council shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1995 Code)

17-107. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there

will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys. (1995 Code)

17-108. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the city council is expressly prohibited. All disposal of refuse and garbage shall be by methods approved by the sanitation superintendent.

Prior to feeding of garbage or refuse to swine, it shall be heated to a temperature of two hundred twelve degrees Fahrenheit (212° F) for not less than thirty (30) minutes under conditions approved by the health officer. Animal offal and animal carcasses are to be cremated or buried.

Any other method of disposal shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. (1995 Code)

17-109. Unauthorized containers to be confiscated. The City of Dickson will service only refuse containers issued by the City of Dickson. (Ord. #1368, Nov. 2015)

17-110. Yard refuse. Yard refuse will be removed from within the right-of-way along city maintained streets throughout the year on a street-by-street basis. Yard refuse placed within the right-of-way shall be cut to no longer than six feet (6') in length and no more than twelve inches (12") in diameter. Yard refuse from the complete removal of one, single tree exceeding twelve inches (12") in diameter shall be classified as bulk refuse and shall be cut in shorter lengths than six feet (6'). Yard bulk refuse will be assessed a fee based on the number of loads for removal. In the event of a major storm, this requirement may be suspended for one (1) month so that storm damage can be alleviated. When a contract service is used by a property owner to remove yard refuse from a property it shall be the responsibility of that contractor to dispose of the yard refuse. There will be a service charge for each load of yard refuse removed by the City of Dickson when a contracting service is utilized. Yard refuse placed within the right-of-way for collection shall be stacked in a neat and uniform pattern as not to protrude into the travel lanes of a city street or stacked in a manner as to not block or obstruct the view of motorists utilizing the street. Yard refuse shall not be placed adjacent to any structure or item that may be damaged by the collection of the yard refuse. Yard refuse shall be separated from leaf refuse. (Ord. #1368, Nov. 2015)

17-111. Leaf refuse. Leaf refuse will be removed from within the right-of-way along city maintained streets on a street-by-street basis. Loose leaf refuse that has been properly placed within the right-of-way will be removed from November 1st to April 15th. From April 16th to October 31st leaf refuse must be bagged, placed within the right-of-way for collection, and will be removed at the request of the property owner. Leaf refuse must be separated from yard refuse when placed within the right-of-way for collection. (Ord. #1368, Nov. 2015)

17-112. Violations and penalty. Each day is a separate offense. Any penalty assessed for violations of this chapter shall not prevent the forced removal of prohibited conditions. (1995Code, § 17-110, modified)