

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION AND BRUSH/BULK GARBAGE PICKUP

GUIDELINES

Dear Sweetwater Resident:

As you are aware, the City of Sweetwater has contracted residential refuse collection with Republic Services beginning October 1, 2020.

Residents have been provided with 95-gallon poly carts to place garbage and Republic Services is to pick-up the garbage in the poly carts once a week. The program also provides for a brush/bulk pick-up once a month for residents. Information had been provided to each resident the scheduled day for collection of garbage placed in 95-gallon poly carts and scheduled day for brush and bulk pick-up. A map has been provided to advise you of scheduled days for your 95-gallon poly carts garbage collection.

Information is provided below about the rules for proper 95-gallon poly cart placement and brush and bulk pick-up.

A. Proper Refuse Cart Placement

- Refuse collection carts are scheduled for once a week pick-up. Please make sure you know what day is your scheduled pick-up day.
- Residents must have the refuse cart placed at the collection point by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. The collection point is placement of the refuse cart 1 foot from the curb or edge of the street if collection occurs from a public street, or at the driveway location if collection occurs from an alley.
- Refuse carts shall not be placed at the point of collection before 6:00 p.m. the day prior to your scheduled day of collection and shall be removed within 24 hours after collection and the refuse cart stored behind the front building line and/or adjacent to the home.
- Refuse carts must be placed at least 5 feet from other objects like trees, poles, fire hydrants, mailboxes, electrical boxes, cable boxes, etc., and at least 5 feet from vehicles.
- Do not lean any objects against the refuse cart or place your refuse cart under a tree or near utility lines.
- Place the arrows on the lid of your refuse cart toward the street and the handle toward the house, with the lid closed.
- For safety reasons, please do not allow children to play in or around your cart.

B. Brush and Bulk Items

- Brush and bulk items are scheduled for once a month pick-up. Brush/bulk items pick-up is scheduled for the 2nd Monday week of each month on your regular scheduled refuse collection pick-up day.
- Brush/bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before scheduled brush/bulk pickup day.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH

ALLOWABLE WASTES

Household Type Wastes
Cardboard
Paper
Plastic
Food wastes
Yard Wastes

NON-ALLOWABLE WASTES

Chemicals of any kind
Paint or thinners
Pesticides or herbicides
Tires
Batteries
Oil & oil filters
Antifreeze
Drums
Asbestos
Untreated medical waste
Contaminated soils
Sludge or liquids
Automobile/truck engine parts

BULK ITEMS

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (3 cubic yard limit)

*Appliances with refrigerant removed
BBQ Grills without propane tank
Carpeting (small pieces)
Fencing
Furniture

Sinks/toilets
Wooden pallets
Brush limbs (cut & bundles 50-lbs max/4' length max
Lawn & leaf bags
Television sets
Cathode ray tubes

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Household trash
Tires
Concrete
Construction/remodeling material
(e.g. bricks, sheetrock, Mattresses
insulation, flooring)
Glass
Hazardous materials
(e.g. paint, household
cleaners)
Roofing material
Shingles
Soil & rocks
Propane/fuel tanks

Thank you.

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***Note:**

Appliance/white goods are permitted on brush/bulk collection day but Freon must be removed from these items by certified appliance technicians.

A Residential Collection Route maps has also been provided for your reference. For future reference, a Collection Route Map for your area can be found on the City of Sweetwater Website at <https://www.sweetwatertx.gov>