



Chapter 94 Solid Waste Ordinance No. 20-10

Curbside Refuse and Yard Trimming Collection

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

In an effort to improve the City's curb-appeal and still deliver a high quality curbside service to City residents, the following changes are being proposed to City Code:

-Refuse-

- **Advanced Authorization** – Requires residents to call ahead or use SeeClickFix (via: smart phone app or City website: <https://www.cityofdaltonga.gov/seeclickfix>) to schedule pickup of refuse before placing materials at the curb.
- **Set Volume Limit per Pickup** – The maximum volume per collection pickup is two (2) cubic yards (about the size of a long bed pickup truck load or 6' long x 3' high x 3' wide) per household without being charged additional fees.
- **Fee Schedule Established** -- For refuse pickups larger than 2 CY, a fee will be assessed by the City Finance Department and an invoice issued to residents. The fee is \$30/CY for each 1 CY above the volume limit.
- **Landlord Restrictions** – Following an eviction or clean up between tenants, the landlord shall be responsible for removal of refuse.
- **Defining Construction/Remodeling Debris (Prohibited Items)** : The City shall not be responsible for collecting or hauling discarded building materials, dirt, broken concrete, asphalt, bricks, rock or debris resulting from repairs, remodeling, or construction waste (including, but not limited to, plumbing fixtures, sinks, bath tubs, shower stalls, toilets, cabinets, doors, windows, trim, sheetrock, insulation, wood paneling, water/sewer piping, wire, roofing material and debris, lumber, plywood, subfloor, siding, plastic pails or buckets

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5-gallons or larger, pallets, landscape timbers, crossties, lattice, fencing of any type, carpet, ceramic tile and other floor coverings).

Such material must be disposed of by the contractor, tenant, or owner of the property in accordance with any applicable local, State or Federal laws. A fine and a fee of \$50/CY will be charged if these materials are placed curbside for City pickup.

- **Cardboard Boxes** -- Cardboard boxes shall only be collected when broken down and placed in the City issued recycling bin. Cardboard shall not be placed out as part of refuse collection. Several cardboard only recycling dumpsters will be strategically located throughout the City for residents to use.
- **Packing Material/Loose Debris**—Packing peanuts, Styrofoam, air cushions, bubble wrap, shredded paper, wrapping materials, foam, and other similar material and other loose debris not contained in an all-weather container shall not be placed out as part of refuse collection. These items (other than recyclable paper products) shall be placed in household garbage.
- **Added Clarification for Items Allowed for Pickup** – Items allowed for pickup include: household furniture, mattresses/box springs, white goods (standard appliances), electronic waste, dried paint, bicycles (and other common outdoor items like swing sets, basketball goals, children’s toys, and patio furniture), other items not specifically prohibited by 94-29(e).

-Yard Trimmings-

- **No Advance Authorization** – Regular pickup routes will be provided by Public Works, so call ahead is not required for yard trimmings.
- **Set Volume Limit per Pickup** – The maximum volume per collection pickup is four (4) cubic yards (about the size of two (2) long bed pickup truck loads or 6’ long x 6’ high x 3’ wide) without being charged additional fees.
- **Fee Schedule Established** -- For refuse pickups larger than 4 CY, a fee will be assessed by the City Finance Department and an invoice issued to residents. The fee is \$30/CY for each 1 CY above the volume limit.
- **Weight Limit** -- Individual yard trimmings shall not exceed eight (8) feet in length or one hundred (100) pounds in weight.
- **Commercial Activity**— The City will collect yard trimmings generated by commercial activity (including commercial mowing contractors or other persons for hire) from only routine yard maintenance. All other yard trimmings generated from the installation or

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replacement of landscaping by commercial activity (including but not limited to commercial tree trimmers, commercial landscapers, grading contractors, and building contractors) shall be collected and disposed of by the commercial entity in accordance with applicable local, State and Federal laws.

- Commercial activity doesn't include work undertaken by youth labor or for benevolent purposes.
- **Leaves** – Leaves should be placed in neat piles or bagged. Leaf piles that contain exclusively leaf material which may be collected using the vacuum truck shall not be counted toward the maximum volume per collection for yard trimmings.

-Other Changes-

- **Penalty** – Any person in violation of the ordinance shall be subject to general penalty as set forth in section 1-7 of City code (fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or community service as determined by Municipal Court). The Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police, or their respective designee, are authorized and directed to make inspections for the orderly compliance with this section and to issue citations for any violation of this section.
- **Fee Schedule** – A fee schedule has been established in Division III of the ordinance for excess services and general violations.
- **Seasonal Waiver of Excess Service Fee** – The Director of Public Works is authorized from time to time a schedule of dates on which the excess service fees are waived for yard trimmings and refuse. The purpose of the waiver is to provide for spring, fall, and holiday cleaning from residential properties.
- **Financial Hardship / Benevolent Assistance Waiver** – The Director of Public Works is authorized to waive the excess service fee for a resident no more than once in a 12-month period in cases of financial hardship or for a non-profit entity performing a benevolent assistance project. The resident or non-profit must complete a financial hardship affidavit in advance of the collection.
- **Existing Collection Pads** – Existing concrete collection pads installed by the City or homeowner in the right of way for the collection of yard trimmings or refuse can remain as determined by the Public Works Director as long as materials placed out for collection are legal as outlined in Secs.94-28 (b) & 94-29 (d). If the collection pads become a site for dumping of prohibited items, the Public Works Director has the authority to cause them to be removed from the right of way.

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-FAQs-

- **Service Schedule and Route?** – Refuse and Yard trimmings shall be collected on an alternating weekly schedule as follows:
 - One week on the north section of the City.
 - The following week on the south section of the City.
 - The dividing line between the north section and south section of the City is M. L. King Jr. Blvd. from the east City limit to Thornton Avenue, south on Thornton Avenue to Emery Street, west on Emery Street to Tibbs Road, south on Tibbs Road to Walnut Avenue, west on Walnut Avenue to Dug Gap Mountain Battle Road at the top of the mountain.
 - The collection map and schedule are published here: <https://www.cityofdalton-ga.gov/rubbish>

- **Who's eligible for City Sanitation Services?**

Solid waste generated by or accumulated from single-family dwellings, individually owned condominiums and townhomes, and multi-family dwellings which are triplex or less in the City shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of by the Public Works Department.