

**ORDINANCE #167**

**TOWN OF NORWOOD, NORTH CAROLINA**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF NORWOOD UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY G.S. CHAPTER 160A, ARTICLE 8 AND G.S. CHAPTER 160A, ARTICLE 16, PART 1.**

**WHEREAS**, the Norwood Board of Commissioners has at a regularly scheduled meeting adopted a Solid Waste Policy for the citizens and residents of the Town of Norwood; and

**WHEREAS**, NCGS 160 A-174 provides that a municipality may by ordinance regulate acts and conditions pertaining to the health, safety and welfare of said municipality and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, NCGS 160 A-312 further provides that a municipality shall have the authority to operate and provide services to the municipality and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Norwood Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interests of the Town of Norwood and its citizens and residents to adopt and approve the Solid Waste regulations hereafter specified.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Norwood Board of Commissioners, that:

The following is approved and adopted as an ordinance of the Town of Norwood

**Part 1. Residential Garbage**

Carts shall not be placed at the street for pick up prior to 7:00 pm on the day prior to collection, and shall be removed from the street by 7:00 pm the day of collection.

All garbage shall be placed inside plastic bags. This helps reduce litter and keeps the roll out card odor free.

All bags shall be placed inside the cart, even if the lid does not close.

Household garbage shall not be placed loose at the street

Carts shall be placed with the front facing the street and the handle towards the house.

Dirt, rocks, building materials, or liquids shall not be placed in carts.

Carts shall not be removed from the residence for any reason.

Carts damaged as a result of normal wear and tear will be replaced at no expense to the owner. Carts damaged due to misuse or abuse must be replaced at the owner's expense.

The Town of Norwood may be contacted at 704-474-3416 regarding the repair or replacement of trash carts.

## **Part 2. Other Residential Waste**

Household trash (such as furniture, boxes, clothing, toys, etc.) shall be collected once per week according to the zone in which the cart is located.

Items of other residential waste shall be placed at the street by 6:00 am on the day of collection.

Residents shall be allowed up to four (4) cubic yards of household trash per week. Any household trash in excess of four cubic yards shall not be placed at the street and should be held until the following week.

Residents having more than four (4) cubic yards of household trash needing immediate disposal can contact Waste Management to contract for removal of this waste at the resident's expense.

Owners of rental property shall be responsible for the removal and disposal of household trash in excess of four cubic yards placed at the street by tenants or former tenants. Violations of this provision are subject to an immediate fine.

All small and loose items shall be bagged or boxed for collection.

## **Part 3. Commercial and Institutional Waste**

Collection of commercial, industrial, and institutionally generated waste is not part of the Town's residential collection services.

Collection of this waste must be arranged for separately and can be removed by the commercial hauler of the customer's choice and at the customer's expense.

## **Part 4. Small Commercial Service**

The Town provides small commercial service to businesses with only one roll out cart permitted. Any additional carts must be contracted separately between the business and Waste Management.

## **Part 5. Yard Waste**

Yard Waste shall be collected once per week according to the zone in which the yard is located.

Residents are allowed up to four (4) cubic yards per week. Any yard waste in excess of four cubic yards should not be placed at the street and should be held until the following week.

Residents having more than four (4) cubic yards of yard waste needing immediate disposal can contact Waste Management to contract for removal of this waste at the resident's expense.

Owners of rental property are responsible for the removal and disposal of yard waste in excess of four cubic yards placed at the street by tenants or former tenants. Violations of this section are subject to an immediate fine.

Residents should set your yard waste no more than 1 to 2 days prior to collection.

Limbs should be consolidated into one pile for collection.

Small piles of limbs and yard waste can be placed inside the roll out garbage container..

Tree limbs should be cut in sections no longer than six feet.

Tree limbs or branches should not exceed six inches in diameter.

Driftwood is not collected by the Town.

Small yard waste items should be placed in bags weighing no more than 50 pounds. This includes grass, shrubbery, clippings, pine straw, pine cones, and small limbs and twigs.

Loose grass clippings should never be placed at the curb.

Bags should be of ample size and strength to hold their contents when lifted.

Yard waste should not be mixed with any other type of waste.

PLEASE NOTE – If you hire a tree service or landscaping contractor, they must remove the waste they produce. Please ensure they have provided for disposal in their contract. The Town cannot collect any single item of yard waste weighing over 50 pounds.

## **Part 6. Leaf Collection**

Loose leaves will be collected from October 1 through March 31 according to your zone.

Bagged leaves will be collected year-round if placed in bags weighing no more than 50 pounds,

Leaves should be raked to the street by 6:00 am on the scheduled day of collection.

Other types of yard waste, any other trash, bricks or rocks should not be mixed with or placed under or on top of leaves.

**Part 7. Appliances**

Appliances will be picked up on the same day as household trash according to your zone.

**Part 8. Non-Collectable Items**

The following items shall not be placed for collection. Any of the following items placed at the street for collection will be tagged by the Town and will be required to be removed and disposed of at the owner's expense.

Construction materials and debris;

Tires, electronics, batteries, paint, pesticides, hazardous or infectious waste, or liquid waste;

Any loose garbage or debris;

Contractor cut limbs or yard waste.

**Part 9. Illegal Dumping**

Illegal dumping of trash or debris on the public right of way, public property or on private property is punishable by an initial civil fine of \$500 for the first day and continued violations of up to \$250 per day.

**Part 10. Violations**

Violations of this ordinance at the election of the Town of Norwood, shall subject the violator(s) to a civil penalty upon the issuance of a citation for said violation. The civil penalty, if not paid within 15 days of the issuance of the citation may be recovered by the Town in a civil action in the nature of the debt. Said civil penalty shall be in the nature of \$50 for each violation (unless a greater sum is specified by the provisions of this ordinance) for each violation and each day any single violation continues shall be a separate violation.

**Part 11. Holidays and Inclement Weather**

If your scheduled collection day is affected by a holiday or inclement weather your items will be collected as soon as possible.

**Part 12. Landfill**

Any items not eligible for collection through the Town's services may be taken to the City of Albemarle Landfill and Recycling Center on Stony Gap Road.

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Town Clerk

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Town Attorney