

CHAPTER 3

GARBAGE AND REFUSE

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7-3-1: DEFINITIONS: Terms used in this Chapter have the following meanings:

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: Materials that are separated from garbage, municipal waste or refuse for the purpose of recycling, including but not limited to, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers, corrugated cardboard, high grade printing and writing papers, magazines, plastic and glass containers, motor oils and vehicle fluids.

REFUSE: means all garbage and rubbish generated within the Village and shall be divided into the following classes:

1. Residential garbage
2. Residential rubbish
3. Commercial garbage
4. Commercial rubbish

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE: means discarded or spoiled foodstuffs, kitchen and table refuse, all of which was intended for human consumption. It does not include dead animals and offal.

RESIDENTIAL RUBBISH: means miscellaneous waste materials such as tin cans, bottles, glassware, crockery, bones, rags, paper and including ashes, rakings from the yard, grass clippings, hedge trimmings, tree branches up to four inches (4") in diameter. It does not include building materials, dirt, tree stumps or trunks.

COMMERCIAL GARBAGE: means the discarded or spoiled foodstuffs produced for human consumption that comes from hotels, motels, restaurants and other places that sell and dispense foodstuffs.

COMMERCIAL RUBBISH: means miscellaneous waste and materials resulting from the operation of mercantile enterprises and including packing boxes, cartons, excelsior, paper and rubbish from offices and stores, but does not include building materials, dirt, tree stumps, tree trunks or discarded furniture. (1963 Code, 13.01)

7-3-2: REMOVAL SYSTEM:

(A) Established. There is hereby created and established for the Village a garbage system for the collection and disposal of garbage, ashes and refuse, to be paid for, kept and maintained by the Village through a fee system. This removal system shall apply to all single-family and multi-family residential properties with not more than four (4) living units. Commercial establishments, such as stores, offices, apartment buildings or complexes containing more than four (4) living units shall provide for the regular collection and removal of garbage and rubbish at their own expense.

(B) Recycling Materials. Residents shall separate their recyclable materials and place them in designated containers for collection at times designated by the Village Board.

7-3-3: CONTAINERS:

(A) Specifications. Garbage shall be placed into plastic garbage bags, tied and placed in container of not more than ninety-six (96) gallon capacity except as otherwise provided. The combined weight of the contents and the container shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. The container shall be a commercially available watertight receptacle of a solid and durable grade of metal or plastic and shall be provided with a suitable handle or handles on the outside and with a tightly fitting metal or plastic cover equipped with a handle. The container shall not have any inside bands, reinforcing angle, or anything to prevent the free discharge of the contents. Open-end barrels of any size are not approved containers and will not be emptied by the collector. A written notice shall be served upon the occupant upon the failure to comply with these regulations; the occupant may also be charged with a violation of this section and receive a Notice to Appear in Court for such violation. No garbage shall be placed in any container unless it is of airtight construction. Containers shall be situated in a manner as to be readily accessible to the collection crews on the designated collection day. All containers that have deteriorated to the extent of having jagged or sharp edges capable of causing injury to the collectors or to such an extent that the covers will not fit tightly or which do not meet the general specifications of this Chapter shall be condemned. Submerged or underground containers shall not be used.

(B) Location for collection. If the residence is located on a street where there is no alleyway accessible, or if the alleyway is closed or inaccessible, the person shall place the garbage container on or near the curb in front of his residence. Garbage shall be placed in approved containers at or near the curb and not placed on the street pavement. Every person who may occupy, in whole or in part, any property within the Village shall deposit, separate and apart from residential garbage at some suitable designated place on his property all ashes, cans, trash, debris, leaves, grass, rubbish and other like refuse. The collectors will not pick up salvage building materials, construction or remodeling debris, tree stumps, tree trunks, bulk items, furniture or similar items.

(C) Non-interference. No person shall molest, remove, handle or otherwise disturb the containers or contents which have been placed for servicing by the collectors. This does not apply to the person placing the container for servicing.

(D) Deposit of Refuse from outside the Village of East Alton: It shall be unlawful to bring any garbage, trash, building materials, furniture, tree limbs, or debris of any kind into the

Village of East Alton for pickup by the Village employees or contractors hired by the Village of East Alton, Illinois. It shall also be unlawful to bring any garbage, trash, building materials, furniture, tree limbs, or debris of any kind into the Village of East Alton Drop Off Center dumpsters located at the rear of the Municipal Garage.

7-3-4: TIME OF COLLECTION:

The Village shall provide for the times and manner of removal of residential garbage, residential rubbish and recyclable materials as stated in Section 7-3-2 Removal System. Residential garbage containers shall be set out at the alley or street curb prior to 6:00 AM on the day designated for pickup (may be set out the night before) and shall be removed from the public right-of-way (alley, or street curb) and stored on the premises within twenty-four hours after servicing by the collectors. It shall be unlawful for garbage containers to remain on the public right-of-way.

7-3-5: TREE TRIMMINGS AND HEDGE CUTTINGS: Any person desiring to place tree trimmings, tree branches up to four inches (4") in diameter, hedge cuttings or yard waste for collection shall cause the same to be put in the same place and collected in the same manner as garbage. Yard waste, such as grass, leaves and small trimmings shall be placed in approved biodegradable bags for pickup by the Department of Public Works.

7-3-6: DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMALS: Dead dogs and cats will be collected and disposed of by the Department of Public Works, upon call, without extra charge. Dead animals in excess of one hundred (100) pounds must be disposed of by the property owner. Dead animals, offal and feces shall not be placed in garbage or rubbish containers.

7-3-7: STREWING GARBAGE: No person shall strew any garbage or other debris or rubbish on any street or on public or private property in the Village.

7-3-8: RECYCLING FEES AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES:

A) The Village shall bill for garbage service against any such lot, parcel of land, or premises upon which is located a residential dwelling on a bimonthly basis (once every two months). The rate charged for such bimonthly period shall be \$32.00 beginning August 1, 2017. In the case of multi-family residential property, the rate charged shall be multiplied by the number of living units contained therein.

B) The garbage fee shall be added to the bimonthly water bill sent to said properties. The fee shall constitute a lien upon such property until paid in full. The garbage fee shall be paid according to the same procedures as stated in Chapter 8 Waterworks System, of Title 8 of the Village Code for the collection of water fees. In addition to any and all rights and methods of collection provided herein, by the Village Code, and by the General Assembly, failure to pay the garbage fee shall result in water shut off as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 8.

C) The Village Municipal Garage back yard will contain dumpsters for the use of residents for non-commercial disposal of general household debris. The fee schedule shall be as follows: \$5.00 per bulk item; \$15.00 for Car, Van, SUV – Trunk or Cargo area; \$40.00 for a pickup truck load; \$40.00 for trailers eight feet (8') or less in length; \$75.00 for trailers over

eight feet (8') in length. Yard waste may be disposed of by residents in the appropriate dumpsters at no charge.

The penalty for any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Chapter 3 of Title 7 shall be the penalties as provided in Chapter 4 General Penalty of Title 1 of this Village Code.