

CHAPTER 7 - SOLID WASTE

"URBAN SERVICES STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES"

CITY OF PORT ANGELES - PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Note: The City of Port Angeles closed its Sanitary Landfill in 2007, and is currently operating a Solid Waste Transfer Station through an agreement with Waste Connections. The collection and recycling information below has not been updated to reflect recent changes.

7.01 GENERAL

- A. The goal of this chapter is to provide information about solid waste collection, solid waste disposal and recycling programs in the City of Port Angeles.
- B. Port Angeles provides for collection of residential and commercial refuse with City crews within the corporate limits of the City.
- C. Refuse disposal for all residents of Clallam County occurs at the Solid Waste Transfer Station at the western City limits on the west end of West 18th Street, the location of the now-closed landfill. Recyclable materials are collected by a private contractor under a City contract.

7.02 RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

- A. Residential solid waste service is mandatory within the City. Billing for the service starts when the customer's water service is turned on and continues until the water service is shut off.
- B. The City uses an automated collection system for refuse collection. A mechanical arm on the right side of the vehicle lifts and dumps each container and all containers are provided by the City.
- C. Residences are provided a 90 gallon container for their individual use. Collections occur once per week. Sanitation and deodorizing if these containers is the responsibility of the customer. For collection, containers must be brought out to within two feet of the traveled roadway prior to 7:30 A.M. on collection day with at least three feet of clearance on each side of the container. The handle and wheels of the container should be pointed away from the street and the container must be rolled back to the house within 24 hours after collection.

7.03 COMMERCIAL COLLECTION

- A. Commercial refuse collection is not a mandatory service. Commercial accounts may take their refuse to the landfill themselves or with the approval of the Solid Waste Superintendent, they may contract with the permitted refuse collection service for collection services. The number and size of containers and the frequency of collection will be determined by the volume of refuse generated. Collection is available every day of the week, except Sunday.
- B. If enclosures are provided for the collection containers, they shall be located to minimize backing of the collection vehicle and constructed so that the vehicle may pull up to the enclosure with the container on the right side of the vehicle. There shall be at least three feet of clearance on all sides of the container and the lift arm shall be able to reach the container without requiring the driver to exit the vehicle.
- C. Separate collection of recyclable materials is encouraged and collection of cardboard is provided at no extra charge up to six times per week.

7.04 COMMERCIAL COMPACTORS

Commercial accounts with sufficient volume are encouraged to purchase refuse compactors to reduce the volume. The commercial compactor units will be serviced by the current franchised hauler for the area.

7.05 LANDFILL DISPOSAL

- A. The City owns the Solid Waste Transfer Station. It is currently being operated under a lease agreement with Waste Connections, and is open for all Clallam County residents. The landfill is located at the west

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end of 18th Street.

- B. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every day, except Sundays and legal holidays.
- C. The Solid Waste Transfer Station accepts all residential, commercial and industrial solid waste. No hazardous waste, radioactive waste, large animal carcasses, or tree stumps are accepted.
- D. Yard waste materials that can be chipped and composed are accepted at no charge, as are commonly recycled materials such as aluminum cans, cardboard, newsprint, glass, one gallon milk jugs, two liter soda bottles, used motor oil, and car batteries.

7.06 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

- A. The City contracts for the collection of recyclable materials from all residents. Recycle materials for collection include: newspaper, ledger paper, computer paper, magazines, glass bottles and jars, one gallon milk jugs, two liter soda pop bottles, aluminum cans, tinned cans, and cardboard. These recyclables are placed in two City provided containers and collected on the normal collection day for refuse.
- B. The contractor will also pick up yard waste which includes grass clippings, leaves and trimmings from hedges and brushes. These materials should be placed in bags or a container weighing less than 50 pounds or bundled in lengths of four feet or less. Yard debris should be placed next to the other recyclables for collection on the normal refuse collection day. During the winter months yard debris collection is accomplished every other week.

7.07 COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

- A. Commercial accounts are encouraged to negotiate with the City's recycle collection contractor for recycling services.
- B. Collection of cardboard is provided at no extra cost to the commercial customer.

7.08 MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING

Multi-family recycling, or recycling services for units larger than a four-plex, is encouraged; however, this service is not currently provided under the City's contract for recycle material collection. Establishment of a system that fits the specific limitations of the site is generally worked out with the City's contractor. If recycling is not conducted immediately, space shall be provided or set aside to allow for recycling in the future.

7.09 ACCESS TO CONTAINERS USING PRIVATE ROADWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS

If residential or commercial accounts desire that they be serviced by City refuse collection vehicles using a private driveway or roadway, they shall initiate such a request and sign a waiver of damage to the driveway or roadway that could be caused by the weight of the collection vehicle. In addition, a turnaround shall be provided at the end of the driveway or roadway so that the vehicle will not have to back down the driveway. Without the waiver or turnaround, collection will occur at the nearest public right-of-way.

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