

**ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

**ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL WASTE COLLECTION**

2.01 Collection of Residential Municipal Waste

**ARTICLE III. RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION**

3.01 Items to be Recycled

3.02 Preparation of Recyclable Materials for Collection

3.03 Storage of Recyclable Materials

3.04 Collection of Recyclable Materials

3.05 Prohibition on Use of Blue Bags for Municipal Waste

3.06 Routes and Collection Days

**ARTICLE IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4.01 Effective Date

4.02 Applicability of Pittsburgh Code

4.03 Violation and Penalty

4.04 Fees

4.05 Billing and Payment

**ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions set forth in Chapter 619 of the Pittsburgh Code shall apply to these Regulations.

In addition, the following definitions shall apply to these words and phrases used throughout the Regulations:

- (a) "Metal cans" shall mean empty cans and bottles consisting of aluminum, bi-metal, steel coated with tin, and shall include aerosol cans
- (b) "Clear glass" shall mean empty bottles, jugs and jars made of clear glass. Expressly excluded are broken glass, noncontainer glass, plate glass, automotive glass, light bulbs, and porcelain and ceramic products.
- (c) "Colored glass" shall mean empty bottles, jugs and jars made of green or brown glass. Expressly excluded is broken glass, noncontainer glass, plate glass, automotive glass, light bulbs, porcelain and ceramic products, and glass of any color other than brown or green.
- (d) "Plastic containers" shall mean clean empty plastic bottles, jugs or jars, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, only, made of polyethylene - terephthalate (PET), high density polyethylene (HDPE), polyvinylchloride (PVC), low-density polyethylene (LDPE) and/or polypropylene (PP).
- (e) "Newsprint" shall mean all Number 8 "news grade" paper (special de-ink quality), which includes any glossy and/or color inserts contained in the newspaper. Expressly excluded from this definition of "newsprint" are magazines, junk mail, packaging paper, cardboard, phone books, catalogs and other miscellaneous paper products.
- (f) "Mixed paper" shall mean all magazines and catalogs, junk mail, telephone books, paperboard including cereal boxes and clean paper. Expressly excluded from mixed paper is newsprint, napkins or paper towels. Rubber bands, metals (*e.g.* Compact Discs) and plastics (credit cards) must be removed.
- (g) "Corrugated cardboard" or corrugated paper shall mean only cardboard which is composed of an inner fluting of material (corrugating medium) and one or two outer liners of material (linerboard).
- (h) "Yard waste." Leaves, grass clippings, garden residue, tree trimmings, chipped shrubbery and other

vegetative material.

(i) “Single family dwelling.” A building designed as or intended for, or used as a residence for a single family and excluding any parts of buildings, in which dwellings are located, that are occupied by commercial, institutional or municipal establishments.

(j) “Small apartment building.” A building or a part of a building, designed, intended, or used as an apartment house, apartment hotel, tenement house, condominium, cooperative, single room occupancy hotel, or other use in which there are fewer than 6 dwelling units and/or the residents store and place at the curb municipal waste **generated by them** in single containers of not greater than 35-gallon capacity.

(k) “Multi-family dwelling.” A building or a part of a building, designed, intended, or used as an apartment house, apartment hotel, tenement house, condominium, cooperative, single room occupancy hotel, or other use in which there are more than 5 dwelling units and/or where, in the case of a multi-tenant or condominium building, or complex of buildings, the building manager, owner, condominium association, or other management entity, arranges for storage of Municipal Waste in a container greater than a single 35-gallon container. In such case, the building or complex of buildings as a whole, and not the individual units thereof, shall be considered a multi-family dwelling.

## **ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL WASTE COLLECTION**

### **2.01 Collection of Residential Municipal Waste.**

**(a) Containers.** (1) Municipal waste from single family dwellings and small apartment buildings shall be stored until collection in containers of durable watertight materials, having a close, fitting lid. Municipal waste shall be placed for collection as follows: (i) in containers having a close, fitting lid and not exceeding thirty five (35) gallons in capacity; (ii) in sealed boxes reinforced with a string tie or in sealed plastic bags; or (iii) in securely, tied bundles of a size not to exceed three feet in length.

2) Municipal waste from multifamily dwellings shall be placed in refuse containers with wheels and lids, not to exceed four (4) cubic yards in capacity unless authorized by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

(3) Institutional or municipal establishments or multifamily dwellings with six (6) or more units with adequate space shall be required to provide dumpsters (1 to 4 cubic yards) with wheels and lids to contain solid waste materials unless otherwise permitted by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Such dumpsters shall be placed on a hard level surface readily accessible to the collector. Dumpsters should be maintained by the property owner. The Director of the Department of Public Works or his designee may exempt a multifamily dwelling from this requirement if space is not available for such containers. Owners or occupants of residences shall ensure that municipal waste does not overflow onto the premises, sidewalk or street. Any owner of a residence that does not have adequate space to store a sufficient number of containers on the premises shall arrange for extra municipal waste pickups so as to prevent municipal waste from overflowing onto the premises.

**(b) Collection Times.** Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this section, municipal waste from single family residences and small apartment buildings shall be collected by the Department of Public Works on a regularly scheduled day once a week (except that no collection shall occur if the regularly scheduled day falls on a holiday). Additional collections shall be made upon request of owners of such residences or at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Public Works, pursuant to Section 619.04 of the Pittsburgh Code, if such additional collections are required to prevent municipal waste from overflowing onto the premises and creating unsanitary conditions. Such additional collections shall be made

for fees and in the manner prescribed herein by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Municipal waste shall be placed for collection before 5:00 a.m. on the collection day but not earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the collection day. Residents whose religious beliefs prohibit them from complying with the 7:00 p.m. rule will be granted permission to place their municipal waste on the curbside for collection three hours earlier on the day preceding the collection day, upon seven days advance written notice to the Director of the Department of Public Works. Such written notice and written consent shall only be necessary for the initial request, and shall be effective until revoked in writing by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

**c) Placement of Containers.** Containers, boxes, bags or bundles holding municipal waste from single family dwellings and small apartment buildings shall be placed for collection in a single location readily accessible to the collector on sidewalks or driveways within the public right of way but outside the traveled roadway either at the curb or at a point not more than five feet from the curb. In areas where there are no curbs, containers shall be placed not more than five feet back from the edge of the traveled roadway. In areas where there are paved alleys, containers, boxes or bundles shall be placed at the alley rather than the street, unless otherwise specified by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

The City will enter upon private property for collections only upon the execution of a release and indemnity agreement to limit the City's liability for damages arising in the course of the collections.

Containers with wheels holding municipal waste from multifamily dwellings with more than six (6) units shall be placed in a location readily accessible to the collector and at a point not more than ten feet back from the curb, or traveled roadway unless otherwise specified by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

**(d) Dead Animals.** Dead animals shall not be placed for collection with other municipal waste on a regularly scheduled collection day but shall be picked up separately on an as needed basis. Residents requiring such collection shall call the Department of Public Works, Animal Control Division, to arrange a pickup.

**(e) Wastes Requiring Special Packaging.** Needles, razors, broken glass, or any other sharp objects shall be securely sealed in a non-penetrable container that has been clearly marked to indicate its contents and shall be placed in a receptacle approved for the storage and/or collection of municipal waste. Residents disposing of any other wastes requiring special packaging, such as medical waste, home self care material and hazardous materials, shall call or write to the Department of Public Works for instructions on how to prepare such wastes before placing them in containers, bags or boxes with other municipal waste.

**(f) Routes and Collection Days.** The collection routes and the schedule of collection days for the collection of municipal waste shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

### **ARTICLE III. RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION FROM RESIDENCES AND COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

#### **3.01 Items to be Recycled:**

**(a) From Single and Multi Family Dwellings and Small Apartment Buildings:** Clear glass, colored glass, metal cans, plastic containers, magazines, catalogs, corrugated paper and newspapers generated at single and multi family dwellings and small apartment buildings shall be separated from all other municipal waste generated at all such residences and stored until collection. Effective upon the provision by the Department of Public Works of a collection system for cardboard and mixed paper, and notice to residents thereof, corrugated cardboard and mixed paper shall be included as recyclable materials to be separated and stored until collection. The Director of Public Works may, at his or her discretion, change or supplement the items to be separated for recycling. Any containers used for the disposal of wastes requiring special packaging in

the manner described under Section 2.01(e) of these Regulations shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article.

**(b) From commercial and institutional establishments:** High grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum or steel or bi-metal cans and bottles, glass bottles of all colors (amber, clear and green), magazines, catalogs and plastic containers generated at commercial and institutional establishments shall be separated from all other municipal waste generated at commercial and institutional establishments and stored until collection. The Director of Public Works may, at his or her discretion, change or supplement the items to be separated for recycling. Any containers used for the disposal of wastes requiring special packaging in the manner described under Section 2.01(e) of these Regulations shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article.

### **3.02 Preparation of Recyclable Materials for Collection.**

**(a) From single family dwellings and small apartment buildings:** Persons shall place all recyclable materials generated from residences for collection in a translucent blue LDPE or LDPE / HDPE mix plastic bag (PMS No. 297C300C) tied securely but with no extraneous twist, metal or rubber ties. If the City collects Newsprint, it shall be placed in a brown or white kraft paper bag, or tied in bundles with string, separate from the blue bags in which other recyclable materials are placed and separate from mixed paper. Clear and colored glass, metal cans and plastic containers shall be emptied of their contents and rinsed thoroughly prior to being placed for collection. Metal or plastic caps and lids shall be removed from plastic containers and from clear and colored glass, and discarded with regular municipal waste. Mixed paper must be clean and dry and placed in a small cardboard box or container that may be issued by City. Corrugated cardboard must be clean and dry, flattened and tied with string.

**The Department of Public Works may refuse to pick up any recyclable materials not prepared in compliance with this Section.**

**(b) From commercial and institutional establishments:** Persons must separate all recyclable materials from commercial and institutional establishments by category.

### **3.03 Storage of Recyclable Materials.**

**(a) From single and multi family dwellings and small apartment buildings:** Recyclable materials that are stored outside of single family dwellings and small apartment buildings shall be stored in containers of durable, watertight materials having a close, fitting lid. Recyclable materials that are stored outside of multifamily dwellings shall be placed in refuse containers with wheels, not to exceed three (3) cubic yards in capacity, unless authorized by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Such dumpsters shall be painted blue (PMS No. 297C300C) and shall be clearly marked "For Recyclables Only".

**(b) From commercial and institutional establishments:** Recyclable materials that are stored outside of commercial and institutional establishments shall be placed in refuse containers of durable, watertight materials having a close fitting lid and wheels. Such containers or dumpsters shall be painted blue (PMS No. 297C300C) and shall be clearly marked "For Recyclables Only".

### **3.04 Collection of Recyclable Materials from Residences.**

**1. Collection Times.** Recyclable materials shall be collected by the Department of Public Works from all residences every other week on the same day as their regularly scheduled collection day for municipal waste (except that no collection shall occur if the regularly scheduled day falls on a holiday), or as otherwise

provided by the Operations Manager of the Bureau of Environmental Services. Additional collections shall be made upon request of the owner of residence(s), or at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, if such additional collections are required to prevent recyclable materials from overflowing onto the premises and creating unsanitary conditions. Recyclable materials shall be placed for collection before 5:00 a.m. on the collection day, but not earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the collection day. Residents whose religious beliefs prohibit them from complying with the 7:00 p.m. rule will be granted permission to place their recyclable materials for collection three hours earlier, on the day in question, upon written notice to the Director of Public Works seven days in advance. Such written notice and written consent shall only be necessary for the initial request and shall be effective until revoked in writing by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

**2. Placement of Bags and Containers.** (i) Blue bags holding recyclable materials from single family dwellings and small apartment buildings shall be placed for collection in a single location readily accessible to the collector on sidewalks or driveways within the public right of way, but outside the traveled roadway, either at the curb or at a point not more than five feet from the curb. The bags shall be separated from containers holding municipal waste. In areas where there are no curbs, bags shall be placed not more than five feet back from the edge of the traveled roadway. In areas where there are paved alleys, bags shall be placed at the alley, rather than the street, unless otherwise specified by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Blue bags holding recyclable materials generated at single or multi family dwellings with five (5) or less units shall not be placed in any other bag or container when placed at the curb for collection.

(ii) Institutional or municipal establishments along with multifamily dwellings with six (6) or more units with adequate space shall be required to provide dumpsters with wheels and lids to contain recyclable materials unless otherwise permitted by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Such dumpsters shall be placed in a location readily accessible to the collector. The City will enter upon private multi family dwelling property for collection of recyclables only upon the execution of a release and indemnity agreement to limit the City's liability for damages arising in the course of the collections.

### **3.05 Prohibition on Use of Blue Bags for Municipal Waste.**

The translucent blue bag described in Section 3.02 and the blue dumpsters described in Section 3.03 shall only be used for the storage and disposal of recyclable materials and shall not be used for municipal waste or leaf waste in connection with City collection services. Municipal waste and/or leaf waste shall not be stored or placed for collection in bags or dumpsters of any shade of blue when stored for City collection services.

### **3.06 Routes and Collection Days.**

The collection routes and the schedule of collection days and holidays for the collection of recyclable materials shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

## **ARTICLE IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **4.01 Effective Date.**

The provisions of these Regulations, as amended herein, shall be effective on **October 1, 2005**.

### **4.02 Applicability of Pittsburgh Code.**

These Regulations are intended to supplement the Pittsburgh Code. The Pittsburgh Code shall supersede these Regulations to the extent that these Regulations are inconsistent with the Code.

### **4.03 Violation and Penalty.**

Any person violating these regulations shall be fined in accordance with Section 619.14 of the Pittsburgh Code.

#### **4.04 Fees.**

**(a) Refuse (municipal waste minus bulky rubbish).**

The collection service charge for any resident requiring more than once a week pick up shall be based on the number of collections per week and the type of collection received.

**(b) Recycling.**

There will be no charge for collection of recyclable materials. However, if recyclable materials placed for collection in containers are contaminated with non recyclable material, the City shall collect and dispose of them as municipal waste and assess the owner a charge of \$75.00 per container for the cost of collecting the materials with a municipal waste truck and land-filling the materials. The decision to land-fill is the responsibility of the City.

**(c) Bulky rubbish.**

Fees will be assessed for the collection of bulky rubbish when the amount exceeds these established limits:

**(i) Single-family dwelling units.** No charge for 3 or fewer bulky items per collection: \$100.00 for each 1/2 hour or portion thereof for more than 3 items.

**(ii) Small apartment buildings:** No charge for 3 or fewer bulky items per unit per collection; \$100.00 for each 1/2 hour or portion thereof for more than 3 items.

**(iii) Multifamily dwellings with 6 or more units** Arrangements, which shall include written authorization from the owner, must be made with the Operations Manager, Bureau of Environmental Services for collections that result in the above charges.

**(d) Yard waste.**

**DPW Yard Waste Drop Off Program**

City of Pittsburgh residents should drop off yard waste at designated Public Works Department drop-off recycling site(s). There will be no charge for yard waste, as defined above (Art. I(h)), which is dropped off in cars or SUVs. Otherwise, the following charges will apply:

Pick Up Trucks and Vans - \$20.00 per load

Pick Up Trucks and Vans with attached Trailer - \$30.00 per load

Cars and SUVs with attached Trailer - \$20.00 per load

No Dump Trucks or Large Boxed Vans unless approved by the Director of DPW - \$50.00 per load.

No Contractor Vehicles are permitted.

Payment must be made at the time of the drop off. Proof of City residency is required.

**4.05 Billing and Payment.**

Residents who receive in excess of one collection per week of municipal waste will be assessed in advance on a quarterly basis for the fees therefor. Fees for recycling and bulky rubbish services will be included in the bill for the following quarter. The fees shall be payable by the first day of each quarter. In addition to the penalties for the violation of the terms hereof, a late fee of one (1) per cent per month shall be assessed against all accounts and/or balances not fully paid after thirty (30) days. If payments are not received within thirty (30) days of the date payment is due, the applicable service will be discontinued.

**REGULATIONS ISSUED 1/1/96, AMENDED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, EFFECTIVE**

**OCTOBER 1, 2005.**

**Director, Department of Public Works**