

## CHAPTER 2

### Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal

**State Law Reference:** Authority of town to regulate and require removal of refuse, Va. Code Sec. 15.2.

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#### Sec. 4-2-1 Collection generally.

(a) This section and Section 4-2-2 apply only to refuse and garbage containing animal and vegetable matter subject to decay or fermentation, bottles, cans and like materials.

(b) All garbage containing animal or vegetable matter subject to decay or fermentation shall be placed in a metal, plastic or rubber container of not more than 32 gallon capacity, equipped with a tight fitting cover. Such container and cover shall be in such condition as to protect the contents from flies and dogs.

(c) All cans, bottles and similar matter may be placed in any type of receptacle or container and to contain no weight of more than 50 pounds. Such container shall be provided with a cover or other means to prevent scattering of the contents. Receptacles shall be strong enough to withstand handling by persons collecting such garbage, etc., and such receptacle shall not be filled more than two-thirds (2/3) full.

(d) Covers on all receptacles shall be kept in place except when filling or emptying.

(e) No liquids shall be placed in any receptacles.

(f) All receptacles containing garbage or refuse to be hauled out and disposed of shall be placed or located at a convenient place as near the street as practicable on private property so that it can be easily and conveniently reached by those hauling away the garbage.

(g) Employees of the town shall not be permitted to enter buildings or inside premises for removal of garbage or refuse.

(h) Containers shall be out by 7:30 a.m. on the day of collection, and shall be removed on the same day.

(i) The town shall haul away paper, leaves, loose grass cuttings, weeds and small tree limbs or cuttings not over three (3) inches in diameter nor in excess of five (5) feet in length; provided, that paper, leaves, grass cuttings and weeds are placed in a container or bags and located near the street in the manner that garbage is required to be located.

(j) The town shall not haul away anything unless placed in suitable containers as located and defined above and any matter set out for collection which does not comply with these regulations shall not be removed by the town, but shall be removed and disposed of by the owner or tenant.

(k) Any person failing to comply with the above provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor, as provided in Section 1-1-8 of this code.

#### **Sec. 4-2-2 Containers.**

(a) All owners, tenants or other persons within the town shall provide on their premises a suitable container for the collection and storage of garbage and refuse as herein defined.

(b) The containers shall be of metal, plastic or rubber construction of not more than 32 gallon capacity, unless such container is furnished for an apartment of more than three (3) families, in which case it shall not exceed 50 gallon capacity, which shall be equipped with a tight fitting metal cover so as to protect contents from flies, dogs or other animals and shall be located in such a manner as to be stationary so that the container will not be overturned or the top removed by dogs or other animals.

(c) All such refuse and garbage shall be disposed of at least once each week and more frequently if necessary to prevent odor or decay which would be injurious to the health of the community.

(d) In order to protect the health and welfare of the public, the town shall have the right to send employees on the premises for the purpose of making inspection of such garbage.

(e) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor as provided in Section 1-1-8 of this code.

**Sec. 4-2-3 Rates for Collection of Solid Refuse**

The rates for collection of solid refuse by the Town of Gretna, Virginia from individuals and businesses shall be as follows:

A. Businesses \$16.00 bi-monthly

B. Apartments: \$16.00 bi-monthly

C. Residences: \$16.00 bi-monthly

**Sec. 4-2-4 Rates for Rental of Dumpsters By Businesses**

The monthly rates for renting dumpsters by businesses in the Town of Gretna, Virginia shall be as follows:

A. Four (4) cubic yard dumpster - \$20.00 per month

B. Six (6) cubic yard dumpster - \$22.00 per month

C. Eight (8) cubic yard dumpster - \$24.00 per month

**Sec. 4-2-5 Dumping Fees Rates For Businesses**

The garbage dumping fees by businesses in the Town of Gretna, Virginia shall be as follows:

- A. Four (4) cubic yards of garbage - \$10.00 per dumping
- B. Six (6) cubic yards of garbage - \$15.00 per dumping
- C. Eight (8) cubic yards of garbage - \$20.00 per dumping