

Chapter 215

SOLID WASTE

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge 11-20-1991 as Ord. No. 91-17.<sup>1</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]**

GENERAL REFERENCES

- Mandatory recycling of waste materials — See Ch. 53.
- Brush, grass, weeds and other debris — See Ch. 110.
- Littering — See Ch. 170.
- Property maintenance — See Ch. 198.

§ 215-1. Preparation for collection.

All solid waste shall be thoroughly drained of all water, wrapped securely in paper and placed in a proper receptacle. Ashes, trash and rubbish shall be placed in a suitable receptacle which may be the

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: This ordinance was originally adopted as Ch. 273, but was redesignated as Ch. 215 to maintain the alphabetical sequence of the Code.

same receptacle used to contain the wrapped garbage. Where any rubbish is too bulky to be placed in a proper receptacle, it must be disassembled, broken or cut up as much as practicable and placed on the curb on the prescribed collection day. All rubbish shall be securely tied, where applicable, and shall be of such size that the longest dimension thereof shall not exceed four (4) feet and the total weight thereof shall not exceed seventy (70) pounds.

**§ 215-2. Limits on volume.**

Each residential unit shall be entitled to set out for collection on each collection day a volume not to exceed six (6) receptacles, bags, boxes, bundles or a combination thereof.

**§ 215-3. Places of collection.**

The collection of solid waste shall be made from all one- through four-family residential dwellings, retail businesses on Valley Boulevard and Hackensack Street, residential condominium units and multifamily [five (5) or more] apartments. All material collected shall be removed from the Borough of Wood-Ridge on the same day collected and in the same vehicles. No part of the contents of one vehicle shall be transferred to another within the borough.

**§ 215-4. Points of collection.**

- A. All solid waste to be collected, removed and disposed of shall be placed between the curb and sidewalk on a public street or a road which has been dedicated to and accepted by the Borough of Wood-Ridge at one (1) collection point. In the case of corner lots, solid waste shall be placed at the curb most accessible to the collection vehicle. This shall include those streets that are temporarily closed for repairs or construction. In the latter case, special collection points shall be designated by the Borough of Wood-Ridge if the condition of the street would prevent access thereto by the collector's trucks.

- B. Residential condominium and multifamily apartments.
- (1) The Borough of Wood-Ridge may, in its sole discretion, determine that collection from residential condominium and multifamily apartments may be made by entering upon private property to remove solid waste from dumpsters or other containers. If the collection is to be made from private property of residential condominiums and multifamily apartment houses, the location of dumpsters will be determined by the Boards of Directors of the respective homeowners' associations and the owners of the multifamily apartments, provided that said locations are not in violation of prior site plan approval. Condominium associations and multifamily apartment owners shall be responsible for providing their own dumpsters, which shall be of standard size and which shall be maintained in good condition. Should the Boards of Directors or owners decide to change the location of collections, they will be required to notify the borough sixty (60) days in advance. In any event, final placement for location of collections shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and Council.
  - (2) The condominium associations and multifamily apartment house owners will be required to provide a certificate of insurance setting forth liability coverage in an amount of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.), which said certificate shall provide for the Borough of Wood-Ridge and its solid waste contractor as additional insureds.
  - (3) In addition, a form of indemnification agreement shall be signed on behalf of each condominium association and multifamily apartment owner flowing to the benefit of the borough and its solid waste contractor, which said indemnification form shall be prepared by the borough.
- C. The borough may, in its sole discretion, choose to reimburse property owners who do not receive service, but such reimbursement shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by providing the collection or disposal service directly.

**§ 215-5. Provision of suitable containers.**

It shall be the duty of the owner or owners or occupant or occupants of every premises to provide suitable metal or plastic containers for the collection of solid waste.

**§ 215-6. Removal; exceptions.**

- A. All solid waste put out for collection between the curb and sidewalk on a public street or road from all one- through four-family residential dwellings, retail businesses on Hackensack Street and Valley Boulevard, residential condominiums and multifamily apartments shall be removed at the general expense of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. As stated in § 215-4B herein, the borough may, in its discretion, choose to enter private property to collect solid waste or to reimburse property owners who do not receive service.
- B. Material of any type generated by private contractors arising from building operations or from the altering, changing, replacing, remodeling or tearing down of the buildings or parts thereof, structures or machinery of any kind is exempt from this section, and the expense of the removal of such material is the sole responsibility of the owner or occupant of the premises where such activity is carried on.
- C. Mandated recyclables shall be also collected at the general expense of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, but such collection shall be in accordance with the borough's recycling regulations and Ch. 53, Mandatory Recycling of Waste Materials. Mandated recyclables shall not be mixed with solid waste, and if mixed, the solid waste container will not be collected and a warning sticker will be applied to the container so contaminated. Repeated warnings will result in a violation and the imposition of the penalties provided for herein.

**§ 215-7. Schedule for removal; placement and removal of containers.**

- A. The borough shall annually establish a schedule for the separate collection dates of solid waste.
- B. Solid waste shall be placed in proper containers and put out for collection at curbside after 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding collection.
- C. Solid waste containers shall be returned to the rear of all premises by 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

**§ 215-8. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**BULKY METAL WASTE** — Large items or solid metal waste, such as household appliances, air conditioners, heating units, metal furniture and other oversized items whose size precludes or complicates handling by the normal collection process, and which requires a special collection vehicle. These items will not be collected on normal collection days. The borough will set special days during the month for the collection of these items.

**BULKY SOLID WASTE** — Includes all solid waste material resulting from a residential dwelling or waste from minor residential home improvements, such as carpet, carpet pads, nonmetal furniture, wallboard or lumber, that has been packaged by the homeowner to meet the size and weight standards herein. For collection purposes, "bulky solid waste" shall be included with "solid waste," and the terms shall be synonymous.

**MANDATED RECYCLABLES** — Those items commonly defined as commingled recyclable material, newspapers, curbside magazines and vegetative waste.

**SOLID WASTE** — The useless, unwanted or discarded material with insufficient liquid content to be freeflowing, and shall mean and include rubbish, garbage, kitchen waste, food waste, vegetable matter, condemned foods, animal or vegetable matter, offal, decaying decomposing matter, rags, ashes, household items, refuse and other customary household waste and discarded waste material which shall be collected and disposed of from residential dwelling units.

**SOLID WASTE CONTAINER** — A container which shall be water-tight and of metal or plastic with a tight-fitting cover and handles. Each container shall have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) gallons nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons and shall not exceed seventy (70) pounds when containing solid waste material. Containers that are badly broken or otherwise fail to meet the requirements of this provision may be classified as solid waste and will be disposed of. An identifying tag will be placed on the container notifying the owner of its unacceptable condition. If the container is used again in an unacceptable condition, the container will be disposed of. Containers must be maintained in a manner that is not a danger to the health and safety of the community. Plastic disposal bags, not less than three (3) mil thick, will be accepted as "solid waste containers." It is understood that the owner, agent, lessee, tenant or occupant may use plastic receptacles at his own risk.

**§ 215-9. Violations and penalties.**

Any owner or owners or occupant or occupants or associations of persons or corporations violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for each offense or shall be subject to a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.