

CITY OF NEDERLAND WASTE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

DEAR CITIZEN:

The City of Nederland would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information concerning solid waste collection. The State of Texas has passed laws and issued regulations which pertain to the control of landfills and the disposal of solid waste. The City wishes to make you aware of the types of trash that we may pick up and the methods which must be utilized to collect these items.

TRASH COLLECTION

The City will pick up four (4) cubic yards of trash during each collection cycle. Trash and yard waste are collected the weeks of the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month for residents living south of Nederland Avenue and the weeks of the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for resident living north of Nederland Avenue. All trash must be placed at the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Each of the following items must be placed in SEPARATE piles in front of the address generating the trash:

- Tree limbs - stacked neatly and no longer than 6 feet in length
- Building materials and demolition debris
- White goods (appliances such as water heaters, washing machines, etc.)
- Leaves, grass clippings, small twigs, etc. must be in trash bags

Do not place trash under or near electric, telephone, or cable television wires. This presents a dangerous situation for City employees and the trash will not be collected until it has been moved to a safer location. Also, City ordinances prohibit the placement of trash in drainage ditches.

A red tag will be placed on trash piles which are not properly set out and this debris will NOT be collected until properly placed and/or separated. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in a two week delay in removal.

TRIMMING OR CUTTING DOWN TREES

If you trim or cut down a tree, the City will pick up the limbs if stacked and placed near the street within the four (4) cubic yard limit. However, if a contractor is hired to trim or cut down a tree, the contractor will be responsible for disposal. City ordinances require that all tree trimmers be bonded with the City. Additionally, tree trimmers are required to obtain a permit prior to cutting or removing a tree; there is no fee for this permit.

BUILDING MATERIALS AND DEMOLITION

If you demolish a building, the City will make a one-time pick up of four (4) cubic yards. If a contractor is hired to demolish your structure, the contractor will be responsible for disposal of all material. This policy also applies to the remodeling of a building. If a building has been burned, only furniture will be picked up by the City; the City will not collect burned debris. Contractors/building owners shall be responsible for the transporting and disposal of all new construction debris.

HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

Points must be removed with a device that breaks and stores the needle and the syringe must be capped. These items must then be placed in a plastic container (such as a milk container) which can be included with regular garbage.

PAINT OR PAINT CANS

Dry cans without lids may be placed in your regular garbage; cans with only a small amount of paint should have cat litter added in order to dry the paint.

ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY THE CITY

Oil and oil filters - may be taken to participating automotive repair stores for disposal if from individuals and in a reasonable quantity.

Tires - may be taken to participating tire stores (it is suggested that you contact the store before taking any tires).

Broken concrete or concrete products - contact the City Sanitation Department at 723-1541 for disposal instructions.

Scrap iron - contact the City Sanitation Department at 723-1541 for disposal instructions.

Cans containing large amounts of paint

Drums larger than five gallons - citizens must make their own arrangements for disposal.

Automotive batteries - may be taken to participating stores which sell batteries (it is suggested that you contact the store before taking any batteries).

Hazardous waste - contact the City Sanitation Department at 723-1541 for disposal instructions.

Medical Waste

DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

In order to conserve landfill space and control costs associated with solid waste disposal, the following alternatives are available:

Composting - Contact the County Agent at 835-8461 for information. Composting bins are periodically available from the City.

For information about programs which concern reducing waste throughout the State, contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at (512) 239-1000.

BFI LANDFILL

The BFI Landfill is located west of Nederland; go west on Highway 365, turn right on LaBelle Road and go approximately 5 miles to the landfill entrance. Charges for disposal are based on the type and quantity of trash.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage is collected once per week in containers provided by the City. For an additional fee, residents may obtain a second garbage container. Containers must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Do not place construction materials, large metal objects, etc. in containers.

CITY OF NEDERLAND

The City appreciates your cooperation in this matter as we attempt to comply with the rules and regulations mandated by the State and Federal governments. Should you have any questions, please contact the Sanitation Department at 723-1541, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

