

SECTION 601  
**GARBAGE AND REFUSE**

**601.100: DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this Section the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include future, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

**Garbage:** Animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, service and consumption of food and shall also include all other animal wastes.

**Refuse:** Shall include all wastes which normally result from the operation of a household or commercial establishment, except body wastes and garbage, including but not limited to rubbish, tin cans, paper, cardboard, glass jars, bottles, wood, grass clippings, Christmas trees, ashes, sod, dirt, tires, rocks, household or commercial establishment construction material, cement, bricks, trees, leaves, hedge or tree trimmings, burning barrels, and mesh backyard burners, household or commercial establishment appliances and furniture or any other household or commercial establishment refuse or material small enough for one man to handle. The term "refuse" shall not include construction material or other waste or debris resulting from construction or reconstruction of buildings and other improvements by contractors, or trees in excess of six inches (6") in diameter.

**601.200: PROHIBITED ACTS:**

601.201 **Litter in Public Places:** No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the City, except in public receptacles or authorized private receptacles for collection.

601.202 **Sweeping Litter Into Gutters:** No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any private or public sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

**601.400: PRECOLLECTION AND COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS:** Grass clippings, leaves and other similar refuse shall be placed in bags or bundles not exceeding three feet (3') in any dimension and securely fastened to avoid spillage. Household appliances, furniture, Christmas tress, burning barrels and mesh backyard burners falling within the definition of refuse need not be so packaged. Unless the licensed garbage and refuse collector agrees to pick up such refuse from some other location on the premises, it may be deposited for pickup adjacent to the street or alley from which the pickup is to be made. Refuse deposited adjacent to a street or alley for pickup shall

be deposited off the traveled, in one place, at ground level. No refuse shall be deposited next to the traveled roadway of any street or alley before sunset of the day before the day of collection. All refuse, refuse bags, wrappings, cans and disposable containers so deposited shall be picked up by the licensed garbage and refuse hauler, so that after pickup no such items are left adjacent to the street or alley. If any such items are not picked up on the day of collection, they shall be removed from their location next to the street or alley on the day of collection.

601.401 **Preparation of Garbage and Refuse:** Except as otherwise provided in the preceding paragraph, all garbage and refuse as accumulated on any premises shall be placed and maintained in containers and shall have drained from it all free liquids before being deposited for collection and shall be wrapped or bagged. No explosive or highly inflammable material shall be so deposited. Such material shall be disposed of as directed by the Fire Chief at the expense of the owner or possessor thereof.

**601.500: CONTAINER SPECIFICATIONS:**

601.502 **Garbage Containers:** Garbage containers shall be made of metal or other suitable material which is rodent, fire and waterproof and which will not easily corrode and is equipped with suitable handles and tight-fitting covers and shall be kept tightly covered when there is garbage therein.

601.504 **Storage of Garbage and Refuse Containers:** Garbage cans and other garbage and refuse containers shall be so located as to be out of the public view except on the day of the pickup.

**601.600: DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE:** No person shall dispose of garbage or refuse upon any property in the City except at an approved landfill site. An approved landfill site is a site for disposal of refuse approved by and licensed by Scott County and operated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. This subsection does not limit the disposal of refuse to sites in the County of Scott.

**601.1000: ENFORCEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES:** In enforcing the provisions of this Section, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Planner, Assistant City Planner, Building Inspector and City Engineer shall have the power to issue citations for violation of this Section in lieu of arrest or continued detention.

In addition, any violation of this Section may be enjoined by the City Council through proper legal channels. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who violates this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, for each offense. Each day a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense