

BULK WASTE REGULATION ENFORCEMENT

Adopted August 24, 2023

COUNTY POWERS ACT gives county governments authority to adopt and enforce regulations like the ones approved in May 2023 regarding curbside bulk waste pickup.

Amended regulations adopted May 2023, effective September 1, 2023:

- i) Bulk waste is defined as household items such as mattresses, furniture, bicycles, basement “junk”, etc.
- ii) NO residential trash, recycling, brush/tree trimmings, and bulk waste should be deposited in the ditch line in violation of storm water regulations.
- iii) The Sanitation Department **will not pick up** bulk waste at the curbside that is not separated from brush/tree trimmings and residential garbage.
- iv) The Sanitation Department **will not pick up** construction debris that is deposited at the curbside or in the ditch line. The property owner is responsible for disposing of the construction waste at the Morristown-Hamblen Landfill on Sublett Road. Construction waste is defined as any component used in the construction or renovation of a building, including wood/lumber, drywall material and containers, shingles, plywood, plumbing and kitchen fixtures, brick, block, etc.
- v) All residential trash, clothing, rubbish, garbage, etc. must be placed in the county trash cart/container and not bagged and placed at the curb as bulk waste.
- vi) Items that should not be placed in the garbage cart include large batteries, metal, uncontained hypodermic needles, kitty/dog litter, manure, urine, animal carcasses, engine oil, hazardous materials, paint and chemicals.
- vii) Renters/Landlords are responsible for disposing of materials left at rental property.
- viii) Disposal of debris from housefires is the responsibility of the property owner. The Hamblen County Sanitation Department will not pick up the debris.

Penalties for violations start at \$50/day. Violations start the date the citation is issued by codes enforcement officer or law enforcement.

Enforcement Process –

- 1) Violations will be reported to Codes Enforcement by the public, sanitation crews, law enforcement. Dedicated Phone Number for Public Complaints – (423) 585-2751
- 2) Codes Enforcement will investigate complaints, take photos, prepare written reports.
- 3) Codes Enforcement will issue notice of violation letter to property owner giving him 10 days to properly dispose of the waste.
- 4) If a property owner fails to comply, Codes Enforcement will issue and serve a citation which includes a general sessions court date. The start date for the \$50/day fine is the date on the citation. Codes Enforcement is to instruct the property owner that if the violation is corrected within 24-48 hours, the citation will be dismissed with the payment of the \$17.75 court cost. If it is not corrected, the citation proceeds through the court system.
- 5) County Attorney will represent the County in the General Sessions Court hearing.

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