

#6.24.2024

An Ordinance Regulating the accumulation, collection and disposal of  
yard debris and other items within corporate limits

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**Section 1: Definitions**

**Brown Goods:** Furniture or other wooden items that are NOT broken down. For example: Desks, Dressers, Mattresses, Box Springs, Chest of Drawers, Upholstered Furniture, Toilets, Carpet & Linoleum, Wood Pallets, PVC pipes, Bathroom Vanities etc.

**White Goods:** Appliances and other metals) Examples: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Hot Water Heaters, Microwaves, Computers, Printers, Televisions and other metal appliances.

**Yard Debris:** Vegetative, or organic materials produced from the care and maintenance of one's gardens, lawn or trees. This includes weeds, leaves, grass clippings, dead flowers, plants, brush, or branches. Christmas trees will be included to be picked up between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Construction and Demolition Materials:** Anything as a result of the construction or demolition or the remodeling of the structure of the inside or outside of one's home. This is for old or new materials that may be used in these processes. Debris generated by any professional such as landscaper, building contractors, painters, interior decorators, will be the professional's responsibility of disposing of.

**Non Acceptable items:** household trash, paint, chemicals, batteries, paper, cardboard, clothes, Freon tanks, Motor Oil, Motor Oil filters, boats, lawn mowers, chain saws or other power equipment,

**Section II: Collection times**

Collection times are indicated as follows until otherwise noted by the board as of June 24, 2024.

**Brown Goods Pick up:** Every First Wednesday of the month

**White Goods Pickup:** Every Third Wednesday of the Month

**Limb and yard waste pick:** up: every Wednesday of the Month

**Construction & non-acceptable items:** will NOT be picked up at any time.

### **Section III: Collection areas and practices:**

Items that are meant to be collected will be placed at the edge of the curb for easy pick up and disposal and shall be placed on the curb by 8:00am on the day of pick up.

Items that are meant to be picked up for white or brown goods shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 48 hours prior to the pickup date. This is to reduce the possibility for these items to become water logged by the possibility of rain, or damaged by winds before pickup which makes it exceedingly more difficult for disposal.

It is the responsibility of the home owner to make sure that these items that are needing to be picked up are put out before 8am on the day of the pick up to ensure that they are noted to be picked up.

Collection of these items should follow the routine schedule unless extenuating circumstances arise that hinder that. In that case, the items will be picked up at the first possible day following the original pick up day.

If items are left at the curb that were not picked up on the day specified the home owner may call Town Hall to get any indication as to why the items were not picked up or if there was a delay in these items pickup.

Items to be picked up should not be in excess to normal yard maintenance. This would include but is not limited to if the yard was to be fully landscaped at one time, the amount of debris would be in excess to normal yard maintenance. The debris may be picked up in sections or over time, if it still adheres to the rules otherwise listed in this ordinance. As standard practice we ask that all landscapers dispose of their own items or call the Town Hall in advance to inform the maintenance staff that there will be an excess of debris at a certain location.

## **Section IV: Specifications for Yard Debris**

Regarding Yard Debris Pick up:

- Limbs, branches, brush, etc should not exceed 4 inches in diameter and 6 feet in length.
- Leaves should NOT be bagged.
- Leaves should be left at the curb with the other yard debris, or you may call the town of Hamilton if no other yard debris is there to ensure that the Town knows to pick up these items
- Items are NOT to be placed in ditches or swales within the town. This clogs and blocks these places and items placed there will be required to be moved by the Home owner who placed them there.
- Stumps will NOT be picked up that exceed 25 inches.

## **Section V: Hurricane Pick up.**

Regarding hurricane pick up there are two major times that would affect this schedule which will be noted as preparation for the Hurricane, and recovery from the hurricane.

### **Preparation for the Hurricane:**

In preparation for Hurricanes one of the things that the Town of Hamilton will do is to try to make sure that all items that are to be picked up or that are sitting on the edge of the road would be cleared to prevent items from being thrown around during the hurricane as well as to be able to prevent damage being done to any structure or power line, as well to prevent the blocking of drains and ditches around the Town of Hamilton.

Also in preparation we ask that no other items be placed near the curb within 24 hours before the hurricane is to arise. So that any items that are in need of being disposed of can be handled, and to ensure that our maintenance staff will have ample time to be able to prepare the town in its entirety for the hurricane.

## Recovery from the Hurricane

Regarding anything post hurricane, if limbs or branches, or parts of trees are more than the limits for normal yard debris pick up these items will still be picked up by the town of Hamilton.

We do still ask that the home owners try to get these items to the edge of the road, as well as if possible to cut them down to make them easier for disposal and pick up.

In regards to any limbs that may be causing power outages, dangerous conditions, or other threatening situations if the home owner would call Town Hall or any representative of the Town of Hamilton so that we can ensure that we are getting all the items that need to be picked up in the Town of Hamilton, with priority given to items causing any disruption of utilities.

We do ask that in regards to post hurricane activities you give our maintenance staff ample time to be able to get the debris out of your yard. These items will be in excess all over the Town of Hamilton, it will take quite a few days to clear all the debris from around the town as well as ensuring day to day operational tasks will be kept up and completed as well.

Board approved on: 06/24/2024  
4-0 Vote.

Mayor Signature: Ervin Williams

Date: 06/24/2024

Town Clerk Signature: Allison Roebuck

Date: 06/24/2024