

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE

The City of Jefferson will be offering a year-round service to its residents in place of a semiannual clean up week. In the past, the city has offered a free clean up week in the spring and fall where residents were able to place items curbside for collection. Residents were given two free 1 ½ yard hoppers, or 3 yards of free garbage collection. Appliances and other electronics were collected for a fee. Metals and related items were collected for no charge.

In place of the City-wide clean-up weeks the City will be offering a year-round service. The City will have dumpsters for residents to utilize free of charge for a period of one week. Residents will be allowed 4 yards of garbage/junk to be collected at no charge which is 1 yard more than previously allotted. Any additional dumps of the dumpster will be billed at standard collection rates. The dumpsters will range in size from 1 ½ yard to 4 yard.

Appliances and other electronics cannot be placed in the dumpsters but can be placed curbside year-round on the resident's regular garbage collection day. Normal collection fees will apply to those items. Metals can be set out all year round and will be collected at no charge.

The City is switching to this new collection method to minimize the risk of injury and potential exposure to hazardous materials by the public and City employees while at the same time offering a service that provides a year-round opportunity to dispose of garbage/junk.

Residents wishing to participate in the free dumpster system are asked to call City Hall. They will be placed on a list to have a dumpster delivered to them. As dumpsters become available, they will be delivered to residents in the order that they were requested. If a resident does not need a dumpster for a full week, they can let City Hall know and the dumpster will be delivered to the next person on the list. Dumpsters will not be left at a residence any longer than one week.

Residents are reminded that with the switch to the automated curbside collection of garbage, the new containers hold 95 gallons of trash weekly compared to 70 gallons prior to the automated trash collections system. If there are extra items to be disposed of weekly, we urge residents to fill their trash containers full each week instead of saving it. Four dumps of the 95-gallon containers are approximately equivalent to filling a 2 yard dumpster.

106.05 BULKY RUBBISH. Bulky rubbish which is too large or heavy to be collected in the normal manner of other solid waste shall be collected by the City in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The City will provide a 4 cubic yard dumpster to each owner of a dwelling unit that is a residential premises once each year for a one week period to be used for a free one time collection of bulky rubbish described above from such residential premises. Owners may arrange for the delivery of such dumpster on a first come first served basis by contacting the Office of the Clerk. This service will be provided only to customers with accounts in good standing with the City of Jefferson, and the service is not available to commercial customers. The dumpster may not be used for special items for which there are special charges under this Chapter. In the spring and fall of each year the City will provide free pick up of up to 2 garbage truck hoppers (approximately 1½ yards each) of bulky rubbish from all residential premises, except appliances, e waste (such as computer equipment and photocopiers) and construction debris, with the exact schedule and time of such pick ups to be determined and announced by the City Administrator. Amounts picked up in excess of 2 hoppers will be charged at the rate of \$25.00 per hopper or part thereof. Residents having items to be picked up at these times shall place such items on the parking in front of their premises by 6:00 a.m. of the scheduled pick up day. Appliances, e waste (such as computer equipment and photocopiers) and construction debris may be set out for collection during the free pick up period and will be collected by the City, but such items shall be billed for in accordance with the special items charges under this chapter.

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2. Persons desiring to have bulky rubbish picked up at times other than when the free dumpster is provided~~the spring and fall free pick ups~~ must make prior arrangements with the sanitation department or the office of the Clerk for the collection of the same. Collection of such items will be billed on a per-collection and per-item basis.

3. Persons conducting construction or remodeling projects on their premises which will generate construction debris and materials exceeding the amount that can normally be picked up at regularly scheduled times shall make prior arrangements with the sanitation department or the office of the Clerk for the collection of the same. The sanitation department may in such cases either require the person to temporarily rent a dumpster, in which case the dumpster rental fees and pick up charges provided for in this chapter shall be billed, or if the scope of the project is determined by the sanitation department, in its sole discretion, to be too large, it may require such person to obtain the services of a commercial sanitation or refuse hauler for the removal of the same.