

City of Bridgeton, NJ  
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## Chapter 300. Solid Waste

### Article I. Collection of Waste Material

#### § 300-1. Statement of intent.

It is the specific intent of this chapter to provide for the effective management of the various forms of waste materials generated within the City; and, in so doing, maintain the City's appearance and cleanliness for the benefit and safety of its residents, workers, businesses, and visitors within the constraint of limited enforcement resources.

#### § 300-2. Collection responsibilities, applicability, and regulations.

- A. The City of Bridgeton shall provide for the collection, removal and disposal of AWM from residences within the entire City of Bridgeton in such manner as it deems necessary, subject to the limitations established herein.
- B. The City Council of the City of Bridgeton shall provide reasonable rules and regulations in conformity with the provisions of this article as may be necessary or expedient.
- C. At its discretion, The City of Bridgeton may provide a supplemental collection facility known as a "convenience center," where residents may take selected waste materials for disposal. The Department of Public Works is responsible for establishing the facility collection schedule and controlling the types of material acceptable for collection.
- D. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that property owners are responsible for complying with the provisions of this chapter.
- E. Construction debris, hazardous materials, and motor vehicle parts (excluding tires) are prohibited items and shall not be placed within any collection container, or at the curbside.
- F. The City of Bridgeton shall not be responsible for the collection of waste material generated by any of the following:
  - (1) Stores or apartment house establishments of more than 10 individual apartments, mobile home parks, restaurants, warehouses, factories or other industrial and business establishments of any kind or description.
  - (2) Properties within the boundaries of the C-1 Zone, commonly known as the "Downtown (or Central) Business District," as specified in Chapter **370**, the Zoning Code, § **370-18**, Central Business District.
  - (3) Vacant lots or lands within the City of Bridgeton. No vacant lot or land shall be assessed for any part of the cost thereof.
- G. Multi-dwelling-unit properties having more than five, but fewer than 10, units shall have the option to participate in the City's solid waste and recycling program as specified herein, or obtain their own waste and recycling materials disposal contractor.

- (1) A minimum of four rolling trash containers shall be issued when participating in the City's program. Additional containers may be requested for an additional fixed fee pursuant to Article II.
- (2) The provisions of § 300-2F apply whenever § 300-2G(1) does not apply.

### § 300-3. Trash/recycling containers.

- A. Subject to the provisions of § 300-2F and G, each household of the City of Bridgeton shall be provided with two rolling trash containers.
  - (1) One container for the collection, and the disposal, of residential waste, unless such trash or refuse items are recyclable materials, bulky waste, white goods, tires, leaves, brush, or tree limbs, all of which shall be collected and disposed of as further set forth in this chapter.
  - (2) The second (SSR) container shall be used exclusively for the collection and the recycling of commingled recyclable materials.
- B. Any household may request additional rolling trash containers to be provided. Each additional container shall require an additional fixed fee pursuant to Article II.
- C. Every owner, lessee, agent, occupant or other person having control of any dwelling or residential premises covered by the terms of this article shall:
  - (1) Place, keep, and make readily accessible for the collection and removal of residential waste, the rolling trash container provided by the City for such purpose.
  - (2) Comingle recyclables for collection and removal using the SSR collection container provided by the City for such purpose pursuant to § 300-7.

### § 300-4. Items requiring trash sticker.

- A. The disposal of bulky waste and white goods shall require a trash sticker that shall be affixed to each item for collection in such a way that it is readily visible from the street. Said items shall be placed out for collection alongside authorized containers.
- B. The following items shall require a trash sticker payment of a fee and pursuant to § 300-19:
  - (1) Bulky waste: one sticker per item.
    - (a) Placed in a plastic trash bag, or other receptacle, not to exceed 40 pounds in weight.
    - (b) Tied together in a bundle not to exceed four feet in length and 40 pounds in weight for PVC pipe or carpet.
  - (2) White goods: one sticker per item.
  - (3) Automotive (except truck), bike, or lawn-mower tires: one sticker per item.
- C. Any receptacle other than those authorized placed at the curbside shall have a valid sticker affixed to it. These receptacles shall be collected as trash and will not be returned to the curbside.

### § 300-5. Items not requiring trash sticker.

- A. Grass clippings placed at the curbside in thirty-gallon-maximum-capacity, clear plastic bags, alongside residential waste.

- B. Loose, or bagged leaves, small brush, branches, and tree limbs subject to the conditions specified in Article III, § **300-21**, **300-22** or **300-23**, for bagged leaves, brush, and loose leaves, respectively.

## § 300-6. Abatement of Solid Waste Utility charges.

- A. If a residential unit is vacant and not being utilized, and the owner of the property has discontinued water service by paying the appropriate water service turnoff fee, then the property owner may apply for an abatement of the Solid Waste Utility charge for that residential unit.
- (1) The applicant initiates this process by first returning to the Department of Public Works all solid waste and SSR containers issued for the residential unit.
  - (2) The applicant must then complete and file an application for the abatement of the Solid Waste Utility charge with the City Tax Office.
- B. Upon receipt of a completed application and a certification from the Department of Public Works that the applicant has returned all solid waste and SSR containers, the Tax Collector shall:
- (1) Abate the Solid Waste Utility charge for the entire month if such certification is dated on or before the 15th of the month.
  - (2) If such certification is dated after the 15th of the month, the Tax Collector shall abate the Solid Waste Utility charge beginning the next calendar month.
- C. If the applicant cannot return the solid waste trash container(s) issued to his or her residential unit, a charge of \$90 shall be imposed for each solid waste and SSR container which is not returned. Upon payment of such a charge, the Tax Collector shall abate the Solid Waste Utility charges set forth in the preceding subsection.
- D. In the event a residential unit is being utilized, or water service has been resumed, Solid Waste Utility charges will be assessed from the date of occupancy or restoring water service (whichever date is earliest), and the property owner shall have a continuing duty within seven days of either the usage of the property or the resumption of the water service to make an application with the Tax Collector for the issuance by the City of a rolling trash container.
- E. It shall be a violation of the Municipal Code of the City of Bridgeton if a property owner of a residential unit falsely claims abatement, or fails to notify the City of the resumption of the usage of the property or of the water service. Violations of § **300-6** shall be punishable pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1, Article III, General Penalty, § **1-17**, Maximum penalty.

## § 300-7. Recycling program.

- A. With the exception of properties specified in § **300-2F** and **G(2)**, all recyclable materials that may accumulate within the City of Bridgeton shall be collected, removed, and disposed of by the City.
- B. In order to facilitate collection and encourage recycling, the recycling program shall require mandatory commingling of recyclable materials in strict conformity with the regulations to be promulgated by the Department of Public Works.
- C. Materials designated as part of the mandatory recycling program shall be removed a minimum of weekly by the contractor(s) designated by the City of Bridgeton.
- D. Plastic bags shall not be used to contain recyclable materials or be otherwise placed within any SSR container.
- E. All recyclable materials placed at the curbside for collection become the property of the City of Bridgeton. It shall be a violation of this article for any person other than the selected contractor to

collect such recyclable materials. Each such collection in violation hereof from one or more residences during the term of the program shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.