



# Commercial Waste Guidelines

The City of Hitchcock has contracted with Ameri Waste to provide solid waste collection and disposal services to our citizens and businesses. To set up your waste collection and disposal services, please contact the Utility Billing Department of the City of Hitchcock by calling 409-986-5591.

## **I. General Standards for Commercial Customers:**

- Every waste producer in control of a premises or a location other than a dwelling unit is required to receive city waste collection services.
- The owner and occupants of a premises are responsible for keeping the property clean and clear of all garbage, trash, debris, excessive accumulations, and bulk/heavy waste.
- Commercial waste collection services shall occur between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the scheduled collection day(s).
- Ameri Waste will provide commercial customers with the requested container(s) once the account is set up. Commercial customers may request ninety-six (96) gallon carts, a dumpster, or a roll-off dumpster.
  - Commercial waste collection services utilizing the ninety-six (96) gallon carts shall not be placed out for collection earlier than noon (12:00 pm) the day before your collection day and must be removed no later than 11:59 pm on the day of collection.
  - Commercial customers utilizing roll-off containers must contact Ameri Waste to schedule collection of the roll-off container when it needs to be emptied.
- Bulk/heavy trash collection is not an included service for commercial accounts.
  - Bulk/heavy waste items are not to be put inside dumpsters for disposal.
  - Any bulk/heavy waste found inside a dumpster by Ameri Waste staff will be removed by Ameri Waste staff, prior to the dumpster being emptied, and will be left on the premises to be disposed of by the customer.
  - Any waste item(s) not picked up by AmeriWaste must be properly disposed of by the owner or occupant at his/her own expense at an approved landfill.
  - Commercial customers can contact Ameri Waste to schedule and pay for the removal of bulk/heavy waste and/or an excessive accumulation per occurrence, by calling (281) 331-8400.
- For commercial properties requiring a dumpster, City Ordinance Sec. 150.102(B)(4) requires all new commercial dumpsters to have an enclosure. For information on the enclosure requirements, contact the Planning & Zoning Division of the Community Development Department at 409-986-5591 for dimensions, specifications, and inspections.

## **II. Capacity & Maintenance:**

- The collection and removal of all waste items should be arranged as often as necessary to keep your exterior property areas clean and clear of all garbage, trash, debris, overflow, excessive accumulations, and bulk/heavy waste.

- Overflowing containers or containers maintained with waste stacked around them is prohibited. Contact Ameri Waste in case of an overflow.
- Areas inside and around dumpster enclosures must be kept clean and clear of all garbage, trash, debris, excessive accumulations, overflow and bulk/heavy waste.
- Trash disposal areas, dumpster enclosures and solid waste receptacles shall be maintained in good condition and repair.

### **III. Prohibited Waste:**

- Rock, concrete, scraps from building materials or other trash resulting from building or remodeling operations will not be removed by the city or its contractor and should not be put in dumpsters.
- No hazardous waste, radioactive waste, liquid waste, used oil, used oil filters, lead-acid batteries, or other prohibited materials and waste should be put into dumpsters.
- Removal of prohibited waste shall be arranged by the customer at the customer's expense.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE COMMERCIAL WASTE GUIDELINES LISTED ABOVE COULD RESULT IN THE CITY REMOVING AND DISPOSING OF NON-COMPLIANT WASTE ITEMS AND ADDING A SPECIAL DISPOSAL FEE ON YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL AND/OR CHARGES COULD BE FILED ON YOU IN MUNICIPAL COURT.**