



Residential 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. Normal Residential Waste Collection – General Standards:

- a. Every person who receives city utility service is required to receive city waste collection services.
- b. Twice weekly, Ameri Waste will provide household waste collection services to the residents of the City of Hitchcock.
- c. Household waste collection for the city is scheduled for Wednesday & Saturday excluding Harborwalk Subdivision.
- d. Harborwalk Subdivision household waste collection is scheduled for pick up on Monday & Thursday.
- e. Charges for garbage and trash collection shall be billed at the same time each month and shall be included in the City of Hitchcock's monthly utility bill for water and sewer customers.
- f. Residential household waste collection services shall occur between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the scheduled collection day(s).
- g. Do not place waste containers or waste items out for collection earlier than noon (12:00 pm) the day before your collection day and reusable trash containers/carts are to be removed no later than 11:59 pm on the day of collection.

Normal residential waste collection DOES NOT INCLUDE the removal of bulk/heavy waste, construction/demolition materials, unbundled brush/tree limbs, large accumulations of waste (more than 6 items), or ANY vegetative waste resulting from cutting down a tree or land-clearing operations.

II. Normal Residential Waste Collection - Preparation & Placement:

- a. The owner or occupant of the premises shall be responsible for keeping their property clean and clear of all garbage, trash, debris and bulky/heavy waste.
- b. Ameri Waste shall only pick up a **total of six (6) items of solid waste per home per pickup**. For example, two (2) waste containers and four (4) brush bundles.
- c. Household waste, garbage, trash shall be deposited in a container and placed out for collection. Containers may be disposable or reusable.
- d. Preparation of yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings and incidental quantities (small amounts) of twigs, small tree limbs and plant trimmings can be bagged or placed in in a trash container not to exceed 50 pounds.
- e. Yard waste will be collected at the same time and placed as garbage. Ameri Waste will not collect yard waste unless it is prepared as described in Section d.

- f. No brush, yard waste, trash, bulk/heavy waste or construction debris shall ever be deposited for collection in any place which may cause interference with the normal flow of surface drainage along and through a drainage ditch.
- g. Brush, small tree limbs, tree clippings, vines and twigs shall be securely bundled (tied together) as follows:
 - i. Bundles cannot be longer than four feet (4') in length, **AND**
 - ii. Bundles cannot be larger than eighteen inches (18") in diameter **AND/OR**
 - iii. Weight less than 50 lbs **AND**
 - iv. No more than 4 bundles are to be placed curbside for collection per trash collection day.
- h. Bulk/heavy trash, excessive accumulations of waste and unbundled tree limbs are not part of normal household waste collection.
 - i. Customers are required to contact Ameri Waste to schedule and pay for the removal of bulk/heavy waste, excessive accumulations of waste or unbundled tree limbs by calling (281) 331-8400.

III. Prohibited Waste:

- a. 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 the garbage or placed curbside for removal.
- b. No hazardous waste, radioactive waste, liquid waste, used oil, used oil filters, lead-acid batteries, or other prohibited materials and waste should be put in the garbage or placed curbside for removal.
- c. Removal of prohibited waste shall be arranged by the customer at the customer's expense.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RESIDENTIAL 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.