



TOWN OF BOONVILLE

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Boonville Sanitation Ordinance (Garbage, Recycling, Electronics, Yard Waste, and Brush)

WHEREAS, the town sanitation ordinance needs to be amended and clarified so that customers of town sanitation services understand the policies involving the collection and disposal of garbage, recyclables, electronics, yard waste, and brush; and,

WHEREAS, the town's ordinance is subject to amendment as federal, state, and local regulations change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Boonville that:

Section 1: Definitions

- A. **Garbage** (also known as *waste, trash, refuse, junk, rubbish, and litter*) is defined as unwanted or useless material that is discarded.
- B. **Recyclables** are defined as products that are reusable and reclaimable, such as printed materials, corrugated cardboard, plastics, glass, and metals as further described within this ordinance.
- C. **Electronics and electronic devices** are defined as products that are wholly or partially controlled by electronic circuitry, computers, or logic boards. For the purposes of this policy, electronic devices include (but are not limited to) cellular phones, televisions, computers, printers, monitors, and white goods (stoves, washers, dryers, etc.) controlled by electronics.
- D. **Yard waste** is defined as discarded plant material, such as grass clippings, weeds, garden debris, leaves, and brush.

Section 2: Regulations

All customers of town sanitation services are subject to the following regulations pertaining to garbage/trash collection, electronics collection/recycling, spring/fall clean-up, recycling collection, and yard waste collection:

Garbage/Trash Collection

Residential Guidelines:

1. Household garbage will be collected curbside only in residential areas.
2. Residential collection will normally occur **once per week on Tuesday** unless otherwise notified.
3. All garbage must fit into one of the following:
 - a) three (3) standard thirty-two (32)-gallon trash cans; or
 - b) six (6) thirteen (13)-gallon plastic trash bags; or
 - c) three (3) thirty (30)-gallon plastic trash bags.These must be grouped together and located curbside. No additional cans or bags are allowed for collection.
4. All trash cans and/or containers must be removed from curbside and out of view of the public by 7:00PM the day of collection.
5. It is unlawful to bring garbage into Boonville's town limits or to allow such outside garbage.

Commercial Guidelines:

1. Garbage will be collected at designated areas at each business approved by the Boonville Public Works Director. The determination of “commercial or residential” is at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
 2. Commercial establishments will be collected **once per week on Tuesday**.
 3. Commercial establishments having more than four (4) standard thirty-two (32)-gallon trash cans are required to use a dumpster and external collection service/vendor at the their own expense.
 4. It is unlawful to bring garbage into Boonville’s town limits or to allow such outside garbage.
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Electronics Collection & Recycling

Effective July 1, 2011, **North Carolina no longer allows electronic devices to be placed in landfills**, so the town isn’t permitted to collect residential and commercial garbage containing electronics. However, these items can be taken to Yadkin County’s landfill free of charge and placed in designated collection areas specifically for electronics recycling. The landfill is located at 1149 Landfill Road (off Sugartown Road) in Yadkinville and its number is 336-961-6200.

1. The town policy is to provide a drop-off location at the Boonville Town Hall for small electronic devices as a convenience to citizens. Cellular phones and electronics that don’t exceed the size of a laptop computers fit this criteria. The town contracts with Foothills Recycling for other recycling services and it offers this service for small devices.
 2. Electronic devices and appliances larger than laptop computers such as (but not limited to) televisions, stoves, washers, dryers, desktop computers, printers, and computer monitors are prohibited from inclusion with regular solid waste/garbage collection. Please do not place these curbside as they will not be collected as part of weekly solid waste collection.
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Spring & Fall Clean-up

Each spring and fall season, the town will designate a week to collect bulk items to be disposed of or recycled at the county’s landfill. The intent is to offer this town service twice per year to help citizens with their disposal needs and to help keep Boonville clean and attractive. It is *not* intended for the large-scale disposal of commercial waste or industrial equipment.

1. Total collected items may not exceed an area of eight feet in length by six feet in width by six feet in height (8’x6’x6’).
2. Collected items must be manageable enough for reasonable collection and transport and the town reserves the right to refuse any collection at its discretion.

Acceptable:

- Non-food household items that would not otherwise be taken with normal collections of recycling, garbage, yard waste, and brush;
- Furniture items: Large furniture must be dismantled prior to collection such that two individuals can load and unload the furniture from the collection vehicle;
- Glass windows and doors: Items with large expanses of glass must have glass taped with an “X” mark to prevent shattering;
- Air conditioners;
- White goods (stoves, washers, dryers, etc.);
- Automotive tires (up to 4 maximum and off rims);
- Automotive parts.

Not acceptable:

- Industrial equipment or commercial waste related to the operation of a business;

- Items that are the consequence of a fire at a business or residential structure;
 - Hazardous materials (including but not limited to):
 - Hazardous waste or liquids;
 - Propane tanks;
 - Oxygen tanks and other medical equipment;
 - Batteries;
 - Roofing materials;
 - Parts of campers, boats, trailers or camper shells;
 - motor vehicles;
 - Animal carcasses;
 - Any item deemed unacceptable by collections employees.
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Recycling Collection

The town currently contracts with Foothills Recycling to provide curbside recycling of select items for all in-town households and businesses. Recycling is collected **every other Thursday** and a printed schedule is available at our town hall.

Guidelines:

1. Eighteen (18)-gallon bins are available at no charge from town hall during normal business hours. Each household or business is allowed two (2) bins.
2. **Each household or business may set out two (2) eighteen (18)-gallon bins, two (2) paper bundles, and two (2) cardboard bundles.** Paper bundles must be no larger than twelve inches (12") high. Cardboard bundles must be no larger than four feet by four feet (4'x4') and stacked no taller than four inches (4") high.
3. Customers should place bins and bundles within five feet (5') of the curbside in an area that is safely out of the way of traffic and pedestrian walkways and easily visible to collection operators. Recyclables should be curbside by 7:00AM.

Acceptable:

- Newspapers and magazines (bundle or place in a bag for pick-up; keep dry; cover if raining);
- Corrugated cardboard (break down and bundle or place in a bag for pick-up; keep dry; cover if raining);
- Plastic bottles (#1 and #2 only—look for appropriate recyclable logo) and small-mouth bottles (neck must be smaller than body of bottle; remove lids and neck rings, crush, and rinse clean);
- Glass bottles (remove lids and rinse clean);
- Metal and aluminum cans (remove lids, crush if possible, and rinse clean).

Not acceptable:

- Plastic bags;
 - Junk mail;
 - Telephone books;
 - Hardback books;
 - Containers used for oil (cooking, motor, brake fluid, antifreeze, pesticides, margarine, medicine, etc.);
 - Dishes, drinking glasses, window glass, lightbulbs, broken glass, or mirrors;
 - Aerosol cans, paint cans, baking pans, or aluminum foil.
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Yard Waste Collection (Leaves & Brush)

Late Fall Leaf Collection:

Leaf collection begins in **early November and continues throughout December** (exact dates will be determined by the Public Works Director). The town wants to collect leaves as efficiently as possible and ensure that leaves are not left uncollected for an extended period of time. Please remember that leaf collection is secondary to other town services and more critical services will be addressed first (example: water and sewer repairs).

Guidelines:

1. Leaves should not be raked to the pick-up location until the last week of October. This reduces scattering on windy days.
2. Rake leaves into a neat row or pile at the street's edge if no sidewalk exists. If a sidewalk borders the street, locate leaves along the yard-side edge and off the sidewalk. The aim is to keep leaves safely out of the way of traffic and pedestrian walkways while keeping them visible and accessible to town employees. Placing leaves too far into the streets or on sidewalks can be hazardous to citizens and pets as they attempt to avoid them. The town's primary collection method involves leaf-vacuuming equipment, so raked leaves must be easily accessible by all leaf-collection vehicles and equipment.
3. Do not mix trash or limbs with leaves to be picked up during the late fall leaf collection season.
4. It is preferable to not bag leaves during this season unless you have a small amount that may not be clearly visible if raked into a row or pile.

Brush Collection (includes light leaf and limb collection):

The Town will collect brush consisting of tree limbs or yard debris on the **third Wednesday of each month.**

Guidelines:

1. Piles of brush must be placed at the curb of the street or sidewalk for collection.
2. Piles of brush may not exceed six feet in width by six feet in length by six feet in height (6'x6'x6').
3. Tree limbs and branches must not exceed six feet (6') in length and branches must not exceed two inches (2") in diameter.
4. The Town will NOT be responsible for trees, limbs, or brush cut/trimmed by commercial contractors and reserves the right to refuse the collection of brush deemed to be a by-product of commercial work.
5. In the case of severe weather, the Town will pick-up brush as soon as possible.

Section 3: Penalties and Enforcement

- A. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of NCGS§14-4 ("Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor") and NCGS§160A-303.1 ("Regulation of the placing of trash, refuse, and garbage within municipal limits").
- B. Penalties: Except as provided in subsection (b) of NCGS§14-4, any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50). Any person found in violation of NCGS§160A-303.1 shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) or imprisoned not exceeding 30 days, or both, for each offense. Each day's violation shall be treated as a separate offense.
- C. Enforcement: This ordinance may be enforced by the Town of Boonville Police Department.

Section 4: Validity

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by the courts, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.

Adopted the 12th day of December 2011. Effective the 1st day of February 2012.

Town of Boonville:

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Mayor

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Town Clerk

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Adopted by:

Mayor Scott Whitaker
Commissioner Gerald Brown
Commissioner Bill Florence
Commissioner Bonnie Lasky
Commissioner Janet Matthews
Commissioner Tony Reece