
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION POLICIES

I. CURBSIDE SERVICE

- ❖ Curbside service will be provided for single-family homes, some apartments and commercial businesses. One 90-gallon roll cart will be provided for each location. If you request an extra cart there will be an additional charge. Carts should be pushed to the curb on Tuesday night so they will be ready for pickup on Wednesday morning and on Wednesday night for pick up on Thursday.

II. BACKYARD PICKUP

- ❖ Backyard pickup will be provided by request at no extra cost if **all** the persons of the residence are disabled or 70 years of age or older. Any other resident may request backyard pickup but they must pay an additional fee.

III. RESIDENTIAL CONTAINERS

- ❖ The size of the receptacles shall be a 90 gallon roll out cart and will be provided by contractor.
- ❖ It is not necessary to put garbage in a plastic bag, but we encourage you to do this, both to help the collectors and ease your job of keeping the container clean. When garbage is in a plastic bag, please remember to put it inside the container so dogs or other animals won't rip the bag and scatter the garbage in your yard.
- ❖ Loose garbage outside of container will not be picked-up.

- ❖ If you have a container which you do not want emptied please mark it clearly.



IV. GARBAGE ITEMS COLLECTED

Examples of “garbage items” which are collected from container are:

- ❖ Kitchen wastes, foodstuffs, glass bottles and jars.
- ❖ House cleaning wastes.
- ❖ Vegetable waste such as: hulls and shells
- ❖ Animal litter (please put in tied plastic bags).
- ❖ Small miscellaneous household items and clothing.

V. SPECIAL PICK-UPS

- ❖ Residents may request special pick-ups other than regular route times, which shall be picked-up at the convenience of the Public Works Department, and a charge of **\$50.00 shall be charged to the resident per partial or full flatbed truckload.**

VI. RECYCLE DUMPSTER



Place The Following Items In Recycle Dumpster Located At 200 N. Elm Street.

- ❖ Cans and plastic bottles and containers
- ❖ Newspapers, book, magazines and other paper products

We hope to provide curbside recycling in the near future.



AT NO TIME SHOULD GARBAGE ITEMS BE MIXED WITH YARD WASTE SUCH AS: LIMBS, LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC.



VII. YARD WASTE

- ❖ The town **will not** collect cuttings left by hired tree surgeon or any person hired to cut or trim trees.
- ❖ No limbs will be picked-up unless they have been cut into lengths of 4 feet or less and shall be no larger than 4 inches in diameter (distance through the limb). Limbs from 4 inches to 10 inches in diameter will be accepted if- in lengths of 2 feet or less. Limbs shall be neatly stacked behind the curb (not in the gutter or roadside ditch) with all sawed-off ends of the limb to be placed facing the same direction.
- ❖ All leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, shrub clippings, etc. shall be placed at the curb for collection weekly (if possible).
- ❖ **LEAVES, PINE STRAW AND GRASS CLIPPINGS THAT ARE BAGGED WILL NOT BE PICKED UP STARTING**



THE 1ST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER & WILL END THE 1ST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR.

- ❖ During the 1ST Monday in November until the 1ST Friday in February the Town of Benson will be operating its leaf suction equipment. Leaves should be piled behind the curb (not in the gutter or roadside ditch) and should be free of sticks, rocks and other debris. Debris such as sticks, rocks etc. are damaging to the town's suction equipment. No leaves or trash shall be burned on street gutters or roadside ditches.

VIII. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

- ❖ The town will not collect any type of construction materials. Construction material consist of: any type lumber, sheet rock, shingles, bricks, blocks, mortar, sand, steel, tin, iron, aluminum siding, vinyl siding, wire, pipes, gutters, doors, or windows. In case of large construction jobs the owner may rent dumpster from commercial contractors that will be delivered to the site for a nominal fee.

IX. OTHER COLLECTION

- ❖ *Every Monday of each month the town will collect household furniture (i.e. tables, chairs, dressers, couches, bedding, lamps, and rugs, (NO CARPET) and appliances such as stoves, water heaters, refrigerators, etc. Any citizens desiring to have any of these items picked up must call the Public Works Department or Town Hall at

least 24 hours prior to the desired collections day. The town will not collect any appliance until all doors have been removed, which is required by NC General Statute.

- ❖ Citizens that are cleaning out rental property, storage building, barns, and attics may request a special pick-up as outlined in V. **Special Pick-Ups** of this brochure.
- ❖ The town will not collect any hazardous material such as: batteries, oil, paint, paint thinner, gas or chemicals.
- ❖ The town will not pick up any tires except during the clean up weeks designated twice a year.

Violation of these aforementioned policies may result in a fine in accordance with **section 51.99 PENALTY** of the Town of Benson Code of Ordinances.

Garbage Collection Rates:

Commercial (1) Roll Cart Container \$11.00

each

Residential (1) Roll Cart Container \$11.00

each

Back Yard Residential (1) Roll Cart Container \$11.00 /handicap or 70 years old and older.

Back Yard Residential (1) Roll Cart Container \$17.00 by **choice**.

Also note that rates are subject to change upon the approval of the Board.

We hope this brochure will help you become more familiar with the service available to you and how you can help our sanitation crews provide collections safely and on schedule for everyone.

*If you have any questions about our collection services, please call the **Public Works Department at 894-5864** or the **Town Hall at 894-4953***

*Town of Benson
Public Utility Director*



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