

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Definitions. The following words are defined as indicated for the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Refuse." The term "refuse" shall include garbage, rubbish, ashes, and all other putrescible and nonputrescible wastes except sewage, from all public and private establishments and residences.

(2) "Garbage." The term "garbage" shall include all putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognized industrial by-products, and shall include all such substances from all public and private establishments and from all residences.

(3) "Rubbish." The term "rubbish" shall include all non-putrescible wastes, except ashes, from all public and private establishments and from all residences.

(4) "Ashes." The term "ashes" shall include the waste products of coal and other fuels used for heating and cooking from all public and private establishments and from all residences.

(5) "Compost pile." The term "compost pile" shall include such substances as peat, leaf mold, manure, lime, grass clippings and corn stalks, thoroughly mingled and decomposed and confined within a reasonable area.

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

Vegetable and animal matter causing offensive odors or likely to become a health hazard are excluded. (1972 Code, § 8-101)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean; storage of refuse. All persons within the corporate limits of Norris, Tennessee, are hereby required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulation of garbage, offal, refuse, filth, rubbish or trash. All persons, firms, and corporations are hereby required to collect and deposit all such garbage, offal refuse, filth, or rubbish and trash accumulating on their several premises in closed receptacles kept on the premises for such purpose in such places as may be satisfactory for collection by the contractor.

No owner or lessee of any public or private premises shall permit to accumulate upon his premises any refuse except in covered containers approved by the city manager. Such containers shall be constructed in such a manner as to be strong, rodent proof, insect proof, and not easily corrodible, and shall be kept covered at all times except when refuse is being deposited therein or removed therefrom. In case garbage and other types of refuse are disposed of separately, separate containers may be required by the city manager. (1972 Code, § 8-102)

17-103. Abutting occupants to keep streets, etc., clean and not to deposit refuse thereon. Occupants of the premises shall be responsible for the sanitary condition of the streets, avenues, and alleys abutting the property or premises occupied by them and it shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or sweep any garbage, offal, refuse, filth, or rubbish, trash, or ashes into the streets, avenues, driveways, or vacant lots of the City of Norris, Tennessee. (1972 Code, § 8-103)

17-104. Collection and removal of garbage and refuse. The removal of garbage within the corporate limits of the City of Norris shall be exclusively by the city, or by parties contracting with the city for such removal, and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation not so contracting with the city to engage in such work, provided that this section shall not be considered to prohibit any person from removing and disposing of the garbage from his own premises to such places as may be designated by the mayor of the City of Norris, and provided further that this section shall not be construed to prohibit any person, firm, or corporation from disposing of stable manure by scattering the same upon gardens or lawns, or by selling or giving away the same for removal from his premises. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any person, firm or corporation from having a compost pile for the purpose of making fertilizer to be spread on lawns or gardens, etc. This section shall not be construed to relieve any person of the responsibility of paying the refuse collection fees as assessed in § 17-107.

All garbage and other refuse shall be collected sufficiently frequently to prevent a nuisance, but at least once in seven (7) days.

No person, firm, or corporation shall collect garbage or other refuse who does not possess a permit from the city manager. Such permit shall be issued only upon the payment of an annual permit fee of not less than \$1.00 per collection vehicle and only after the city clerk has satisfied himself that the licensee is capable of complying with the requirements of this code.

The collection of garbage and other refuse shall be by means of vehicles approved by the city manager. (1972 Code, § 8-104)

17-105. Disposal of refuse. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to dump garbage, refuse, or filth in any storm sewer or sanitary sewer within the corporate limits of the City of Norris.

All disposal of garbage and other refuse shall be by a method or methods specifically approved by the city manager and such method or methods shall include the maximum practicable rodent, insect, and nuisance control at the place or places of disposal, and no garbage shall be fed to hogs unless such garbage has first been heated to at least 212°F. and held there at least thirty (30) minutes in apparatus and by methods approved by the city manager. Provided further, that animal offal and carcasses of dead animals shall be buried or cremated as directed by the city manager, or shall be rendered at forty (40) pounds per square inch steam pressure or higher, or heated by equivalent cooking. (1972 Code, § 8-105)

17-106. Burning of brush, etc. No open fires of brush, leaves, grass, paper, or any other debris shall be permitted without obtaining permission from the Norris Fire Department. The fire department may first inspect the proposed burning site and material to be burned. (1972 Code, § 8-106)

17-107. Refuse/recycle collection fees. The following rates shall be applicable:

\$14.25 per month/household

<u>COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>MONTHLY RENTAL</u>	<u>SERVICE PRICE</u>
Container size		
8 yard	\$22.00	\$15.00
6 yard	\$20.00	\$12.00
4 yard	\$18.00	\$ 9.00

The City of Norris shall collect the sum provided for herein along with and as a part of the monthly water bill and in the event that payment of the monthly water bill is received without payment of refuse collection and disposal

fee the city shall utilize whatever legal means that it may deem appropriate to collect said charge for refuse collection and disposal.

In the event that any customer is not receiving a water bill, they shall be billed by separate billing. (1972 Code, § 8-107, as amended by Ord. #420, June 1995, Ord. #424, Oct. 1995, Ord. #470, June 2002, Ord. #477, Aug. 2003, Ord. #485, June 2005, and Ord. #564, March 2013)