

Chapter 15.06 SOLID WASTE TREATMENT AND REFUSE COLLECTION Revised 8/21

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15.06.005 Frequency of collection.

Refuse shall be collected a minimum of once a week. Residences, hotels, restaurants, institutions, and commercial establishments may be required to have more frequent collection, if determined by the city and borough of Sitka to be essential or desirable to protect the public health. (Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.010 Preparation of refuse.

All refuse shall be drained free from liquids before disposal. Garbage shall be wrapped in paper or similar materials. All cans, bottles, or other food containers shall be rinsed free of food particles and drained before disposal. Toxic, volatile or other hazardous materials are prohibited. (Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.015 Refuse receptacle.

Every resident head of household and business located within the city and borough of Sitka shall keep and maintain a clean refuse receptacle provided by the refuse collection contractor. All receptacles shall be placed at a convenient location for collection. Convenient location shall be a point designated by the director of public works. (Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.020 Solid waste disposal policy and rates. Revised 8/21

A. In order to promote public health and reduce littering and illegal dumping, every residential unit, business, and live aboard vessel within one mile of the Sitka road system shall be required to pay a waste disposal fee as set by the assembly. This requirement shall apply to each customer within a common structure and combined rental and nonrental spaces within a common structure. There are no exceptions to paying a waste fee under these classifications regardless of the amount of waste generated and/or disposed. Failure to pay any amount of user and/or utility fees owed to the city and borough shall be grounds for disconnection of any or all services and utilities such as electrical service as provided for in Section [15.01.030](#).

B. Customers shall be permitted to dispose of acceptable waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Acceptable waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible waste including, but not limited to: garbage; refuse; ashes; paper and cardboard; and approved special waste. "Special waste" means any waste material which, because of its physical characteristics, chemical make-up, or biological nature, requires either special handling procedures and permitting, or poses an unusual threat to human health, equipment, property, or the environment.

Customers shall not be permitted to dispose of unacceptable and/or special waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Unacceptable waste" means waste that may not be disposed of at the disposal site under federal, state or local law, regulation, rule, code, permit or permit condition. Special waste shall be disposed of according to subsection (C)(10) of this section or at bi-annual city-sponsored collection events.

C. Fees and Policies Applicable to Specific Solid Waste Categories.

1. Junk automobiles and small trucks (three quarter ton or smaller) may be delivered to Gary Paxton Industrial park (GPIP) scrap yard at a rate of 4.39 cents per pound.
2. Trucks larger than three-quarter ton, larger vehicles, heavy equipment, and old trailers shall be billed at a rate of 7.73 cents per pound.
3. Mixed scrap metals including steel shall be billed at a rate of 10.97 cents per pound. Sorted scrap iron and other metals excluding steel shall be billed at a rate of six cents per pound. Inclusion of any amount of steel within an individual delivery of scrap metal to the municipal scrap yard shall deem it to be a mixed scrap metal delivery to be billed at the mixed scrap metal rate.
4. Fuel tanks must be cleaned and cut into pieces less than five feet by twelve feet (if over five hundred gallons) prior to delivery to the GPIP scrap yard.
5. Freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed a rate of twenty-four dollars and fourteen cents each.
6. All other appliances or white goods besides freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed at a rate of 7.52 cents per pound.
7. Tires off of large trucks and heavy equipment may be delivered to the transfer station or GPIP scrap yard and shall be billed at a rate of thirty dollars and seventy-two cents each.
8. No construction and demolition debris shall be disposed of at any Sitka landfill unless otherwise authorized by the director of public works.
9. Household hazardous or special waste may be disposed of during normal business hours at the GPIP scrap yard. Commercially generated household hazardous waste will not be accepted at any time.
10. Concrete and asphalt disposal shall be billed at a rate of fourteen dollars and thirty-two cents per cubic yard.
11. Concrete and asphalt disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.
12. Asbestos disposal shall be billed at a rate of sixty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents per cubic yard.
13. Asbestos disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.

(Ord. [21-10](#) § 4, 2021; Ord. [20-21](#) § 4 (part), 2020; Ord. [19-21S](#) § 4 (part), 2019; Ord. [18-28](#) § 4 (part), 2018; Ord. [17-21](#) § 4 (part), 2017; Ord. [15-59](#) § 4 (part), 2016; Ord. [14-21](#) § 4 (part), 2014; Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.030 Receptacles available.

The refuse collection contractor will provide three sizes for refuse collection:

- A. A forty-eight-gallon container;
- B. A ninety-six-gallon container; and

C. A three-hundred-fifty-gallon container.

(Ord. [17-21](#) § 4 (part), 2017; Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.035 Rates for treatment and collection. [Revised 8/21](#)

A. The following rates are effective on the day after the day a solid waste user fee ordinance containing such fees is passed:

48-gallon container	\$38.70 per month
96-gallon container	\$65.01 per month
300-gallon container	\$263.16 per month

B. These rates are for one container that the refuse collection contractor picks up once a week. For customers that fall into one of the following three categories, the rates for treatment and collection will be:

For those customers in apartment complexes or other unique situations identified on the list maintained by the finance director	\$58.82 per month
For those customers living within the harbor system	\$38.70 per month
For those customers living on an island other than Baranof or connected by bridge to Baranof who do not receive any service from the refuse collection contractor	\$29.08 per month

C. Rates shall be reviewed annually in January by the assembly.

(Ord. [21-18](#) § 4, 2021; Ord. [21-10](#) § 4, 2021; Ord. [20-21](#) § 4 (part), 2020; Ord. [19-21S](#) § 4 (part), 2019; Ord. [18-28](#) § 4 (part), 2018; Ord. [17-21](#) § 4 (part), 2017; Ord. [15-59](#) § 4 (part), 2016; Ord. [05-44](#) § 4, 2005; Ord. [05-20](#) § 4, 2005; Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.040 Deposit required for smaller containers.

A fifty-dollar deposit is required before a smaller size container is delivered to a customer. Such deposit will earn interest at the rate paid on a one-year U.S. Treasury note. After one year of service using the smaller size container, the deposit and interest earned will be applied to the customer's bill. If the customer switches back to a full size container within one year, the deposit and interest earned will be forfeited to the solid waste treatment fund. If the customer violates procedures for solid waste disposal as set forth in this chapter within the first year of use of the smaller size container, the customer will forfeit the deposit and interest earned to the solid waste treatment fund. (Ord. [15-59](#) § 4 (part), 2016; Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.045 Transfer station drop-off charges and special refuse collection charges. [Revised 8/21](#)

A. Refuse may be dropped off directly at the municipal transfer station during operating hours by any individual or entity. Each residential solid waste utility customer receiving municipal solid waste collection and disposal

services shall be entitled to dispose of up to two hundred pounds of solid waste per month at the transfer station free of charge. All other refuse disposed of directly at the municipal transfer station shall be billed the rate of 14.35 cents per pound.

B. Customers desiring to have refuse in a quantity exceeding the capacity of their refuse containers collected and disposed of may call the collection contractor for a special collection. The collection contractor shall be obligated to collect this refuse as requested. It shall be the responsibility of the collection contractor to notify the customer of all charges prior to collection. All billing and collection for this service shall be administered by the refuse collection contractor and CBS will bill customers based on documentation provided by the contractor.

(Ord. [21-10](#) § 4, 2021; Ord. [20-21](#) § 4 (part), 2020; Ord. [19-21S](#) § 4 (part), 2019; Ord. [18-28](#) § 4 (part), 2018; Ord. [17-21](#) § 4 (part), 2017; Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.050 Construction and demolition debris.

Construction and demolition debris will be accepted at the Jarvis Street transfer station and, effective August 1, 2003, shall be billed at a rate equivalent to the current disposal rate. The rate shall be adjusted on an annual basis to be equivalent to the disposal contract rate. (Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.055 Restrictions on applicability of rates.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates established in the solid waste treatment and collection policy only apply to customers who have an active utility account with the city and borough of Sitka.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates for vehicles set out in Section [15.06.020](#) shall only apply to one vehicle per month for each customer who has an active utility account with the city and borough, with the rate for each additional vehicle in that month to be ten cents per pound. (Ord. [05-15](#) § 4(C) (part), 2005.)

15.06.070 Definitions.

A. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Residential unit" means any structure, portion of a structure, mobile home, or fifth wheel, which is not otherwise defined as a hotel, motel or other public accommodation per Section [4.24.010](#). If a structure contains a room or set of rooms which are occasionally rented to transient guests through a bed and breakfast or other similar arrangement, the structure shall be defined as a residential unit for purposes of this chapter.
2. "Business" means any structure, or portion of a structure, or business location which is (a) not otherwise defined as a residential unit and (b) not defined as a vessel or a liveaboard per Chapter [13.04](#).
3. "Liveaboard" shall have the same definition as set forth in Section [13.04.130](#).

B. In instances involving ambiguities as to whether or not any structure, abode, or real property shall be defined as a residential unit, business, or liveaboard required to utilize the solid waste services provided by the city and borough of Sitka; or, whether such structure, abode, or real property shall be defined as a residential unit, business, or liveaboard, the administrator shall have the authority to make binding decisions as to the application of the regulations set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. [15-59](#) § 4 (part), 2016.)

The Sitka General Code is current through Ordinance 21-40, passed November 9, 2021.

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