

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-013**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ADOPT SOLID WASTE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, BULK TRASH, AND WHITE GOODS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 8 (Health and Sanitation), § 8-20(a) of the Code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland, the Commissioners of Cambridge are authorized and empowered to promulgate regulations and fees for the collection of garbage, refuse, and other solid waste in the City of Cambridge (the “City”) by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Cambridge are desirous of adopting the City of Cambridge Solid Waste Rules and Regulations attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein as the regulations for the collection of garbage, refuse, and other solid waste in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE**, that the City of Cambridge Solid Waste Rules and Regulations attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein are hereby adopted as the regulations for the collection of garbage, refuse, and other solid waste in the City pursuant to § 8-20(a) of the Code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

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Patrick C. Comiskey  
City Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor

**Adopted the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019  
Effective the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019**

## **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE SOLID WASTE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to § 8-20 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, the following Rules and Regulations are hereby adopted for the collection and disposal of solid waste by the City's private contractor for residences and by the City for businesses and of bulk trash and white goods by the City.

**1. Definitions.** As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

- A. **Bulk trash.** Chairs, rugs, mattresses, and other household items not normally collected and disposed of as part of normal solid waste collection and disposal services; bagged or boxed yard trimmings and bundled branches less than four (4) inches in diameter and no more than four (4) feet long, with such size limitations to be agreed upon between the resident and DPW.
- B. **Cart.** A receptacle utilized exclusively for solid waste, equipped with wheels and a bar, having a capacity of approximately thirty-five (35), sixty-four (64), or ninety-six (96) gallons, designed to be mechanically dumped into a loader-packer type truck via a fully automated truck arm or semi-automated truck tipper.
- C. **Curbside.** The location within three (3) feet of the curb of the street abutting such property that provides primary access to the property as designated by the City unless such placement interferes with or endangers movement of vehicles and pedestrians.
- D. **Solid waste.** Garbage, refuse, or other solid waste material generated by a residence (including a single or multifamily residence) or by a commercial, industrial, or institutional entity, to the extent that such waste material is essentially the same as that normally generated by a residence, is collected and disposed of with such other waste material as part of normal residential solid waste collection and disposal services, and contains a relative quantity of hazardous substances no greater than the relative quantity of hazardous substances contained in solid waste material generated by a typical single-family residence. Examples of "solid waste" include, but are not limited to, food, paper, clothing, consumer product packaging, disposable diapers, office supplies, cosmetics, glass and metal food containers, and other putrescible and non-putrescible waste material. Construction and demolition debris and hazardous waste are not considered "solid waste."
- E. **White goods.** Household appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, window air conditioners, refrigerators or freezers; grills, patio furniture, and tables; push lawn mowers, bicycles, hot water heaters, shelving, file cabinets, and play and exercise equipment. Any White Goods having a door shall have the door removed in order to be collected by DPW.

**2. Collector Contact Information.**

- A. Chesapeake Waste Industries, LLC – (866) 742-4557 or (410) 742-0099

B. City of Cambridge Department of Public Works (“DPW”) – (410) 228-1955

**3. Residential Solid Waste Collection.**

- A. The City’s private contractor will only collect residential solid waste in the cart provided by the contractor. Each residence will be provided a cart at no charge. The property owner where the cart is delivered by the private contractor is responsible for the cost of replacing the cart in the event it is lost or stolen.
- B. Carts shall be placed at curbside no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled collection day.
- C. Emptied carts shall be removed from curbside and placed as hereafter stated below no later than 9:00 a.m. the day following the scheduled collection day.
- D. Collection will occur twice a week on the schedule existing as of the date of the enactment of these Rules and Regulations (Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.), subject to any future changes approved by the City after proper notice to the community.
- E. Residential solid waste shall not be collected on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. When a regularly scheduled collection day falls on one of the foregoing holidays or on a date that the New Beulah Sanitary Landfill is otherwise closed, collection shall be deferred to the next collection day. If the City allows the private contractor to miss a regularly-scheduled collection day on another federal holiday or because of poor weather conditions or the closure of the New Beulah Sanitary Landfill, DPW shall so notify City residents by a notice placed on the City website and by e-mail to all residents who have signed up to receive e-mail notices from the City.
- F. Any questions or complaints regarding the private contractor’s collection of residential solid waste are to be directed to the private contractor at the numbers noted above. If a resident is not satisfied with the private contractor’s response, he or she may contact DPW for further assistance.
- G. Any questions or complaints regarding DPW’s collection of commercial solid waste, bulk trash, and white goods are to be directed to DPW at the number noted above.

**4. Commercial Solid Waste Collection.**

- A. DPW will only collect commercial solid waste in a container meeting the requirements set forth in § 8-8 of the City Code.

- B. Carts shall be placed at curbside no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled collection day.
- C. Emptied carts shall be removed from curbside and placed as hereafter stated below no later than 9:00 a.m. the day following the scheduled collection day.
- D. Collection will occur once a week on Wednesday.
- E. Commercial solid waste shall not be collected on any regularly scheduled collection day that falls on a holiday on which the City government is closed, when the City government is closed due to poor weather conditions, or on a date that the New Beulah Sanitary Landfill is otherwise closed. A schedule of all holidays on which the City government is closed is available on the City website. If the City government is closed on a regularly-scheduled collection day because of poor weather conditions, DPW shall so notify City residents by a notice placed on the City website and by e-mail to all residents who have signed up to receive e-mail notices from the City. When a regularly scheduled collection day falls on a City holiday or a date that the City government is closed because of poor weather conditions or the New Beulah Sanitary Landfill is otherwise closed, collection shall be deferred to the next collection day.

**5. Bulk Trash and White Goods Collection.**

- A. DPW shall only collect bulk trash and white goods by appointment. Anyone seeking collection of such items must contact DPW at the number noted above on Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule the appointment.
- B. Bulk trash shall only be collected on Wednesdays; provided, however, that if the bulk trash collection scheduled for any given Wednesday is larger than can be accommodated, DPW will collect the bulk trash on the next following workday(s).
- C. White goods shall only be collected on the last Wednesday of the month; provided, however, that if the white goods collection scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month is larger than can be accommodated, DPW will collect the white goods on the next following workday(s).
- D. DPW shall collect no more than three (3) items of bulk trash or white goods during any scheduled appointment.
- E. Bulk trash and white goods must be placed at curbside no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled collection date and no later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection date.

- F. If DPW fails to collect the bulk trash or white goods on the scheduled date due to inclement weather or other conditions not the fault of the person requesting collection, DPW will automatically reschedule the collection for the following workday.
- G. If the person requesting collection fails to place the item(s) to be collected at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection date and DPW does not collect such item(s), the person requesting collection will need to reschedule collection for the next available date and remove the item(s) from the curbside until such date.

**6. Placement of Solid Waste Carts Between Collection Dates.**

- A. For single family residences or single family residences that are converted into apartments and businesses, carts shall be placed on the side of or behind the building, behind a fence, or in such other reasonable manner as to minimize the cart from being seen from the street that the residence faces.
- B. For apartment buildings, townhomes, or row homes, to the extent reasonably possible, carts shall be placed in a location, if available, that prevents the cart being observed from the street in front of the apartment building, townhome, or row home, such as behind a fence or in a provided enclosure. Carts may only be placed next to the front of the building if there is no other reasonable location.
- C. If any cart remains at the curbside beyond the time allowed under these Rules and Regulations or is placed contrary to Subsections 6(A) or (B) above, the City shall affix a notice to the cart reminding the resident of the requirements concerning the placement of carts. If such notice is required more than three (3) times in any three (3) month period, such resident shall be automatically determined to be a habitual offender of the requirements of these Rules and Regulations and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in § 8-20(b) of the Code of the City of Cambridge, as amended from time to time.