

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND LANDFILL OPERATION POLICY

1. PURPOSE:

This policy has been adopted:

- 1) to ensure that the Town's Garbage Utility is operated in a cost effective manner which will cover the cost of providing garbage collection and landfill services to the residents and business owners;
- 2) to encourage recycling, reducing and reduction of waste materials;
- 3) to increase and prolong the life of the Town's landfill site
- 4) to ensure that the town is kept in a neat, tidy and sanitary condition..

2. TIMING OF GARBAGE COLLECTION:

The Town of Three Hills shall direct the day(s) and times that garbage shall be collected, removed from residential and commercial customers.

3. STORAGE OF GARBAGE:

The owner or occupant of premises from which refuse is to be collected shall:

- a). Thoroughly drain all household garbage and securely wrap, bag or tie each parcel before disposing it an animal proof refuse receptacle.
- 2) Shall place or locate the refuse receptacle(s) for collection on the street, alley or lane in such a manner that it will not overturn or be likely to be overturned.
- 3) Ensure that no parcel is longer than 1.2 meters in length.
- 4) Ensure that the combined weight of any bag, parcel or receptacle (and its contents) does not exceed twenty-two kilograms.

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4. GARBAGE TO BE COLLECTED:

The Town of Three Hills, through its staff or contractor(s) may refuse to remove garbage:

- 1) That is not stored as per section 3. above or
- 2) If it is one of the following:
 - 1) Discarded furniture, automobile part, tires and other private vehicles and household equipment;
 - 2) Tree limbs, whole shrubs or bushes, portions of hedges;
 - 3) Fences, gates and other permanent and semi-permanent fixtures on the premises;
 - 4) Sod, dirt, gravel or soil;
 - 5) Building materials and building refuse;
 - 6) Dead animals or parts thereof;
 - 7) Liquid waste;
 - 8) Hot ashes;
 - 9) Torn bags and cartons or scattered garbage.

5. VOLUME OF GARBAGE TO COLLECTED:

Any volume of garbage that exceeds that following limits will not be collected unless the bag(s) or item(s) has the appropriate prepaid tag attached:

Account Type	Volume Per Collection	Collections Per Week	Total Volume Per Week
Standard Residential	3 bags	One	3 bags
Standard Commercial	3 bags	Two	6 bags
Small Bin (or equivalent)	10 bags	Two	20 bags
Large Bin (or equivalent)	26 bags	Two	50 bags

Note: All bags are based on a standard large green garbage bag which is 26" x 36".

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Volumes for small and large bins are based on estimates provided by the Town's garbage collection contractor.

6. **RECYCLING:**

As a good environmental steward, the Town of Three Hills actively supports and encourages recycling initiatives. These initiatives will increase the life span of our current landfill site, while providing an option to assist our residents in staying within the maximum bag limits.

All landowners or renters of residential properties and all landowners or renters of commercial or industrial places of business shall be levied a recycling fee as per the rate set out in section 7. c).

7. **GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES:**

1) Residential:

All residential landowner or renters of residential properties, who are receiving water and sewer services, shall be deemed to be utilizing the Town's garbage collection and disposal services and shall be levied a fee or charge for collection and disposal services as per the rate set below in section 7. c).

2) Commercial:

The landowner or renter of each commercial or industrial place of business who chooses to utilize the Town's garbage collection and disposal service shall be levied a fee or charge for collection and disposal services as per the rate(s) set below in section 7. c).

3) Collection & Disposal and Recycling Rates:

The following rates shall be charged on a per month basis:

Garbage Collection Fees:

General Residential: 3 bags/week: \$10.00 / month

General Commercial: 6 bags/week: \$26.33 / month

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General Collection Schedule:

North of 1st Street South – Wednesdays

South of 1st Street South – Thursdays

Bin Collection Fees:

3 yard bin: \$25.60 per tip

4 yard bin: \$33.77 per tip

6 yard bin: \$50.66 per tip

Bin Collection Schedule:

Mondays – extra collection day: Fridays

8. OPTING OUT OF COLLECTION SERVICES:

- 1) Landowners or renters of commercial or industrial places of businesses may choose to “opt out” of the Town’s garbage collection and disposal services.
- 2) Landowners or renters of commercial or industrial places of businesses who choose to “opt out” of the Town’s garbage collection and disposal services shall:
 - 1) be required to make their own arrangements for having their garbage collected and shall be responsible for paying the appropriate fees or charges at the Town’s Landfill Station.
 - 2) still be required to contribute towards the Town’s recycling initiatives at the same rate as all other commercial or industrial businesses.

9. BURNING OF GARBAGE:

- 1) No person shall burn household or commercial garbage within the town limits.
- 2) It shall be permissible to burn dry waste, consisting solely of dry leaves, brush or other vegetation, collected from yards and gardens, between the

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hours of 3:00 PM Friday and 8:00 PM Saturday in the months of April, May, September and October (as per the Town's Fire Bylaw).

10. DELIVERY OF GARBAGE OR REFUSE TO LANDFILL SITE:

Any town resident or business owner shall be permitted to deliver garbage or refuse to the Town's Landfill Site under the following conditions:

- 1) Garbage or waste shall be deposited in the place and location and in the manner as directed by the Landfill Site Attendant.
- 2) Garbage or waste shall be deposited during regular Landfill Site operating hours only.
Winter hours: (December 1 – April 30)
Monday – Friday: 12:00 – 5:00 Saturday: 9:00 – 5:00
Summer hours: (May 1 – November 30)
Monday – Saturday: 9:00 – 5:00
- 3) The Town reserves the right to deny any person the right to deposit:
 - 1) spoiled or treated grain
 - 2) dead animal bodies or parts thereof
 - 3) barbed wire, paige wire, chicken wire, or any other wire that is not tightly rolled
 - 4) any garbage or refuse that is deemed to be hazardous.

11. LANDFILL SITE FEES:

The following fees shall be charged for depositing garbage and refuse at the Town's Landfill Site:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Minimum Dumping Fee (approximate volume of 45 gallon drum)	\$2.00	\$6.00
Half Ton Truck	\$7.00	\$21.00
One Ton Truck	\$14.00	\$42.00

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Single Axle Truck	\$20.00	\$60.00
Tandem Axle Truck	\$30.00	\$90.00
End Dump	\$40.00	\$120.00
Leaves and Clippings	No Fee	No Fee
Refrigerators and Freezers	\$20.00	\$20.00 (each)

(Loads must be secured during transfer to the landfill and certain waste must be sorted prior to disposal.)

12. LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS:

- 1) Leaves and grass clippings which are bagged and placed for collection with other household or commercial garbage shall be collected and considered to be regular garbage; or
- 2) Town residents and town business owners may haul their leaves and grass clippings to the compost piles located immediately south of the Town's Maintenance Shop and at the Town Landfill Site at no charge. These leaves and grass clippings shall be removed from plastic bags and cartons and shall be free of garbage, tree branches & non biodegradable substances.

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