

Chapter 41 - SOLID WASTE

Sec. 41-1 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Ashes means the solid residue left when combustible material is thoroughly burned or is oxidized by chemical means.

Cesspool means an underground catchbasin for collection of liquid wastes.

Combustibles means anything capable of being burned by fire.

Compost means a mixture consisting of decayed organic matter used for fertilizing land.

Garbage means the animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

Health officer means the administrator of the county health department and his duly authorized representatives.

Manure means refuse consisting of animal and poultry excreta.

Motor vehicle means any self-propelled piece of mechanized equipment.

Noncombustibles means anything incapable of being burned by fire.

Offal means the waste created by the butchering of animals and poultry either for food or for commercial purposes.

Privy means a structure allowing for the disposal of human excreta into an excavation in the ground.

Rubbish means combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include scrap lumber and the residue or ashes from the burning of any substance.

Sewage means the combined domestic liquid wastes conducted away from residences, businesses, dwellings, institutions and other places of human occupancy.

Solid waste means any ashes, combustibles, noncombustibles, garbage, offal or rubbish.

(Code 1979, § 19-1)

Sec. 41-2 Jurisdiction

The provisions of this chapter shall apply within the geographical boundaries of the county except in cities, villages and incorporated towns that provide and enforce rules and regulations which are at least as stringent as this chapter.

(Code 1979, § 19-2)

Sec. 41-3 Disposal

- A. Except as provided in subsections B, C or D of this section no person shall discharge or deposit, or permit the discharging or depositing on any public or private premises of any garbage, offal, rubbish, nauseous matter or waste from sewage disposal facilities, which by reason of its decomposition would become foul, odorous, subject to spontaneous combustion, or otherwise become detrimental to public health or conducive to the spread of disease except within a landfill controlled by the state environmental protection agency.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any garbage, excluding private compost operations, to be deposited, dumped or to remain upon any lot or land, except within a landfill controlled by the state environmental protection agency.

- C. The provisions of subsection A notwithstanding, all solid waste, except garbage, generated on-site may be disposed of on the property provided that the material is covered to a depth of 24 inches within 48 hours; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to place garbage in the streets, alleys or roadways in metal or plastic containers with covers, or heavy duty plastic bags tied at the top shall be considered proper containers.

(Code 1979, § 19-3)

Sec. 41-4 Collection Intervals

Garbage shall be collected and transported to a landfill approved by the state environmental protection agency at intervals not to exceed once a week.

(Code 1979, § 19-4)

Sec. 41-5 Vehicles for Hauling

No person owning or controlling any vehicle used for the purpose of carrying, carting, hauling or transporting solid wastes shall cause or permit any vehicle to be so loaded, in such defective condition, so out of repair, of such faulty construction or so improperly driven or managed that any solid wastes with which such vehicle is loaded, or is being loaded, shall drop, leak, spill or fall from the vehicle.

(Code 1979, § 19-5)

Sec. 41-6. - Deceased Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person having a deceased animal to permit it to remain on any land for more than 24 hours.

(Code 1979, § 19-6)

Sec. 41-7 Manure

All manure shall be removed or stored in a fly-tight container. This section shall not apply to land uses allowing animals as defined in the county zoning ordinance.

(Code 1979, § 19-7)

Sec. 41-8 Privies, Similar Receptacles

The contents of any receptacle, cesspool, privy, catchbasin, vault or water closet shall not be allowed to become offensive or to become dangerous to health.

(Code 1979, § 19-8)

Sec. 41-9 Enforcement

The County Health Officer shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1979, § 19-9)