

Chapter 56. Solid Waste Management

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SECTION 56-1. Scope.

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the storage, collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable material in the Town of Vanceboro. This Chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority contained in N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, governing powers of municipalities and various federal and state statutes specifically regulating Solid Waste and Recycling.

SECTION 56-11. Definitions.

- A. **Bag (bagged, bags) and box (boxed, boxes)** means to securely contain a quantity of residential solid waste, refuse, trash or garbage in a manner to prevent spillage during collection. Each bag or box must not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight.
- B. **Bulky wastes** means household furniture, mattresses, bedding and bundled carpet.
- C. **Garbage** (also known as *waste, trash, refuse, junk, rubbish, and litter*) is defined as unwanted or useless material that is discarded.
- D. **Recyclables** are defined as products that are reusable and reclaimable, such as printed materials, corrugated cardboard, plastics, glass, and metals as further described within this ordinance.
- E. **White goods** means inoperative and discarded refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances.
- E. **Yard waste** is defined as discarded plant material, such as grass clippings, weeds, garden debris, leaves, and brush.

SECTION 56-12. Solid Waste Guidelines & Collection.

A. Residential

1. All Residents must participate in household garbage collection. This fee is included in utility bills.
2. Household garbage will be collected curbside only by the town contractor, Pak-R-Disposal out of Washington.
3. Pak-R-Disposal will provide 96-gallon roll-out carts to residential customers.
4. Carts should be placed at the curb for collection no later than 7:00AM on collection day.
5. Residential solid waste collection will normally occur **once per week on Thursday** unless otherwise notified.
6. All garbage must be placed in the contractor-provided cart.
7. Carts should be placed in a location that is readily accessible to Pak-R-Disposal and its equipment, not to exceed five feet (5') from the curb or edge of the traveled portion of the road or street.
8. Carts should be placed so they face the street (handles facing the house) and three feet (3') away from any fixed object (other carts, mailboxes, etc.).
9. No additional cans or bags are allowed for collection unless the resident contacts the Town of Vanceboro for an additional cart.
10. All trash carts must be removed from curbside and out of view of the public by 7:00PM the day of collection.
11. It is unlawful to bring garbage into Town of Vanceboro's town limits or to allow such outside garbage.

B. Commercial

1. Garbage will be collected at designated areas at each business approved by the Town of Vanceboro's Public Works Director, or their designee.
2. Commercial establishments will be collected **once per week on Thursday**.
3. It is unlawful to bring garbage into Town of Vanceboro's town limits or to allow such outside garbage.

C. Recyclables

1. Craven County Solid Waste & Recycling currently collects recyclables in the Town of Vanceboro. Craven County picks up recyclables once per week on their collection schedule.
2. Recycle bins should be placed at the curb for collection no later than 6:00AM on collection day.
3. Recycle bins must be removed from curbside and out of view of the public by 7:00PM the day of collection.

4. For additional information regarding collection dates and/or recyclable information, please call 252-636-6659.

SECTION 56-13. Yard Waste Guidelines & Collection.

A. Leaf & Grass Clippings.

1. Leaves and Grass Clipping must be bagged and placed at the curb of the street or sidewalk for collection by the Town of Vanceboro.
2. Do not mix trash and yard waste.

B. Brush (Limbs).

1. Piles of brush may not exceed four feet in width by four feet in length by four feet in height (4'x4'x4').
2. Tree limbs and branches must not exceed four feet (4') in length and branches must not exceed two inches (2") in diameter.
3. Piles of brush must be placed at the curb of the street or sidewalk for collection by the Town of Vanceboro.

The Town of Vanceboro will NOT be responsible for trees, limbs, or brush cut/trimmed by commercial contractors and reserves the right to refuse the collection of brush deemed to be a by-product of commercial work.

In the case of severe weather, the Town will pick-up brush as soon as possible.

SECTION 56-14. Prohibited Items.

As of January, 2012 North Carolina no longer allows the following materials/items to be placed in landfills, so the town is not permitted, and will not collect these items from residential and/or commercial garbage.

1. Used oil
2. Yard trash
3. White goods
4. Antifreeze
5. Aluminum cans
6. Whole scrap tires
7. Lead-acid batteries
8. ABC beverage containers
9. Motor vehicle oil filters
10. Recyclable plastic bottles
11. Wooden pallets
12. Oyster shells
13. Computer equipment
14. Televisions

In addition to this list, the Town of Vanceboro will not pickup any bulky waste.

These items can be taken to the Craven County Solid Waste Convenience Center free of charge and placed in designated collection areas. The convenience center is located at Bailey Lane in Vanceboro and its phone number is 252-244-1436. It's hours are 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM – Sunday.

SECTION 56-15. Construction and/or Demolition Materials.

All construction and demolition contractor and any others disposing of construction and/or demolition materials shall provide on-site receptacles/bulk containers for scrap building materials and other trash produced by those working on the site. All such materials shall be contained and the site maintained in a clean and litter free condition. Dirt, mud, sand, construction materials or other debris deposited upon any public or private property as a result of construction or demolition shall be immediately removed by the contractor and in all cases by the end of the workday. Costs for removal of building materials shall be borne by the contractor or owner. No construction or demolition waste or debris shall be placed in a municipal solid waste container or recycling container for collection by the Town or the Town's contractor(s). Lot clearing waste, including any taken from the town street right-of-way, shall be removed from the site by the contractor and disposed of in an approved site.

SECTION 56-16. Penalties and Enforcement.

- A. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of NCGS§14-4 (“Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor”) and NCGS§160A-303.1 (“Regulation of the placing of trash, refuse, and garbage within municipal limits”).
- B. **Penalties:** Except as provided in subsection (b) of NCGS§14-4, any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50). Any person found in violation of NCGS§160A-303.1 shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) or imprisoned not exceeding 30 days, or both, for each offense. Each day's violation shall be treated as a separate offense.
- C. **Enforcement:** This ordinance may be enforced by the Town of Vanceboro Police Department

SECTION 56-17. Validity.

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by the courts, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.