

CITY OF GULFPORT

RESIDENTIAL SANITATION SERVICE

Garbage Collection

For more information, call Public Works at 727-893-1089

- Garbage collection is provided twice a week, either Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday based on your residential address.
- Residents are limited to a maximum of 3 metal or plastic trash containers, plastic bags or combination thereof, not exceeding 32 gallons or 50 lbs each. (Unless on an automated residential route)
- Containers must be in good condition, watertight and have 2 handles. Plastic bags must be secured with a twist tie or clip.
- Containers or bags must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day proceeding and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of your designated collection day.
- Containers must be removed from the curb or alley the day of collection.

Curbside / Drop-Off Recycling

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- Call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to request a free set of curbside recycle bins.
- Curbside recycling is provided once per week based on your residential address.
- Items must be placed in the city issued recycling containers.
- The following items are accepted for curbside recycling:
 - Steel Cans
 - Aluminum cans
 - Plastic bottles and/or containers
 - Mixed paper (junk mail, office paper, magazines, cereal boxes, etc.)
 - Cardboard
 - Newspaper
- The City of Gulfport provides drop-off dumpsters at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, located at 1617 – 49th Street South for:
 - Glass
 - Brown, Green and Clear food and/or beverage containers
 - Emptied and rinsed
 - Labels are acceptable
 - Cardboard
 - 3-layer corrugated boxes or packaging
 - Cleaned, emptied, dry and flattened
 - Pizza box TOPS only
 - Mixed Paper
 - Paper or paper product that tears (White or colored paper, shredded office paper, magazines or catalogs, phone books, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
- Plastic bags can be dropped off at the Gulfport City Hall or deposited in the collection buckets throughout the City of Gulfport parks.

Yard Waste Pickup

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- Yard waste piles, bagged leaves and Special Pick-ups must be placed at the curb or alley for pick up.

- Small piles of tree and shrubbery trimmings are picked up every Wednesday. Trimmings must not be bagged or bundled, but gathered neatly in a pile not to exceed 3.5 feet high, 4 feet wide or 4 feet long. Trimmings cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter.
- Mower clippings and leaves must be bagged. You must call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to schedule a free pick up of these bags.
- Any amount of debris exceeding the above limitations will be considered a Special Pick-up. Special Pick-ups must be scheduled with Public Works and will be billed as an extra charge on your utility bill.
- All hired lawn service, tree trimming service or other such contractors are required by City Ordinance to remove and dispose of the yard waste. If your contractor offers you a discount for leaving the yard waste and having the City pick it up, please be aware that this must be called in as a “special pickup” and will be billed as an extra charge on your utility bill. The contractor may also receive a fine.

Special Pick-ups

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- Call Public Works at 727-893-1089 to schedule the removal of any Special Pick-up.
- Special Pick-up item(s) or pile(s) must be placed at curbside or alley for pick-up.
- Fees for Special Pick-ups are as follows:
 - Single Item (furniture, mattress, and other like items) - \$11.25/item.
 - “White Goods” (such as refrigerators and other appliances) - \$22.50/item.
 - Vehicle Tire - \$11.25/each
 - Car Battery - \$5.62/each
 - Propane Tanks (20 lbs. or less and empty) - \$11.25/each
 - T.V. and Computer Components - \$16.87/each
- No trash is allowed to accumulate for a period of longer than 72 hours. Any accumulation of trash that cannot be placed in the allotted 3 – 32 gallon containers twice a week will be considered a Special Pick-up and shall be picked up by the city, with or without notification by the resident. An additional fee will be charged according to the size of the load and billed as an additional charge on the utility bill.

Household / Business Electronics & Chemicals Mobile Collection

Household chemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides, paint, paint thinners and similar materials and electronics are accepted free of charge once per year during the month of September at the city’s household chemical cleanup event at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Watch for our ad on our website at www.mygulfport.us, or “The Gabber” during the month of September. Household chemicals may also be taken to the Pinellas County Household Chemical Collection Center located at 2800 110th Avenue North. Call 727-464-7500 for more details.

Items that are Prohibited by Law

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It is illegal to place any of the following items in your curbside refuse containers:

- Biohazardous Waste – Please reference “Household Chemicals” above or “The A-Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal” found on The City of Gulfport’s website, www.mygulfport.us under “Public Works Department”.
- Radiological waste – You can make arrangements for the disposal of radiological waste from obsolete smoke detectors by calling the Gulfport Fire Department at 727-893-1059. If you are aware of any other radiological waste, you may also call the Gulfport Fire Department for advice.
- Contagious Disease Solid Waste – Speak to your physician or pharmacist for a list of licensed medical waste collectors.
- Flammable, Explosive or Toxic Materials – Call the Gulfport Fire Department at 727-893-1059 for advice on how to dispose of these materials.

MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RIGHT OF WAYS & ALLEYS

Residents of the City of Gulfport are required by City Ordinance to help keep their property neat and orderly.

An important portion of the City Code that applies to residents is as follows:

Sec. 12-2 “Specific nuisances”:

“The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving, permitting, allowing or causing any of the following items, conditions or things to exist in, on, over or under any public or private property shall constitute a nuisance; provided however that this enumeration shall not be construed to exclude the identification of other nuisances not specifically identified herein:

- (a) Any weeds, grasses or other vegetation of a height exceeding twelve (12) inches, including without limitation, broom grass, jimson, burdock, ragweed or sandspur and not including trees, flowers and ornamental bushes or plants;*
- (b) Any trash, litter, debris, garbage, bottles, paper, plastic, metal, cans, rags, offal, bricks, concrete, lumber, building materials, dead or decaying trees, plants, fruits, vegetables, or animals of any kind.*
- (c) Any condition which provides, or could provide, harborage for rats, mice, snakes, insects or other vermin ...”*

Not keeping with the City Ordinance above may result in a significant fine as stated below.

Sec. 12-4 “Enforcement”:

- (a) The provisions of this article shall be enforced as provided herein, as provided elsewhere in this Code of Ordinances, or as otherwise provided by law. Citations may be issued by the city’s police officers, environmental safety officers or other*

officials of the city, as designated by the city manager or a designated representative. Fines and penalties shall be assessed against any person who violates the provisions of this article, in accordance with section 1-6 of this Code. Each day that a nuisance exists shall constitute a separate offense, for purposes of levying a fine or penalty.

- (b) *In addition to, or as an alternative to, enforcement of this article as provided in subsection (a) hereof, a civil action may be maintained in an appropriate court to abate such nuisance. In any such action, the city shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys fees and court costs incurred by the city, through all appellate proceedings. The court may assess an appropriate fine, in addition to providing any equitable remedy by the city.*