

## Frequently Asked Questions Town Nuisance Ordinances

**Q:** What type of garbage or yard debris will be picked up?

**A:** The Town's representative currently picks up household garbage once a week when placed in the provided garbage can and placed adjacent to the street on the specified day. The Town's representative will also pick up yard debris piled by the street once a week. Branches larger than 6 inches in diameter, pieces longer than 6 feet, and tree stumps or tree trunk sections will not be picked up by the Town's representative.

**Q:** What other items may I place adjacent to the street for pick up?

**A:** Currently, David's Trash Service will pick up White Goods such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washing machines, dryers, and microwaves, as long as any refrigerants or other liquids have been removed, once a month starting on the third Monday of every month (when placed beside your garbage can), and up to two (2) pieces of Brown Goods such as couches, chairs, or mattresses once a week on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day when placed next to your garbage can. Boxes will also be picked up, when crushed and placed inside or next to your garbage can adjacent to the street.

**Q:** Can I mix items I place adjacent to the street for pick-up?

**A:** Mixed-debris piles are piles that contain more than one type of debris, such as yard debris and construction debris, or a yard debris pile with a couch or refrigerators placed on or in the pile. The Town's representative will not pick up mixed-debris piles such as these, but you may contact one of the following services to schedule a special pick up or have a dumpster delivered and picked up (you will be responsible for any associated fees for this service):

David's Trash Service – (252) 923-2742

Urban Disposal – (252) 793-9131

GDS – (252) 791-0156

**Q:** What are examples of items that I cannot place adjacent to the street?

**A:** Items that will not be picked up by the Town's representative include (but is not limited to) construction and/or building debris (wood, concrete, masonry, metal, etc.), tree stumps, combustible items such as automobile tires and tubes, or any products that have jagged edges of metal or glass. Some of these items may be transported to the Washington County Landfill (located on Landfill Road, approximately 5 miles northeast of Town, off of Mackeys Road) and deposited free of charge by Washington County residents. The Washington County Landfill will accept up to five tires per year per household, as long as the tires are not on a rim, yard debris, construction debris and White Goods (all debris must be separated prior to entering the landfill). The Washington County Landfill will **NOT** accept TV's or Computer monitors, household trash, hazardous waste, batteries, liquids or brown goods (mattresses,

carpet, clothing or fabric). If you have any questions about what the Washington County Landfill will or will not accept, please call them at (252) 793-5615.

**Q:** What is the penalty for placing or dumping illegal items (on street curbs or elsewhere)?

**A:** As stated in Sections 94.05 (F)(1), and 94.06, parties responsible for placing any of the above-stated items or any other items listed in the Town Code of Ordinances (available for review at the Town Hall) shall be liable for a fine of \$100 to \$250. The Town will give residents a warning letter and 24 hours to remedy the situation; after the 24 hours, the Town will remedy the situation, and all costs incurred, plus any administrative fees, will be charged to the resident as a lien on the property.

**Q:** What are Nuisance Vehicles?

**A:** Nuisance Vehicles, which includes abandoned vehicles and junked motor vehicles, are vehicles which do not have current registration or license plates, are partially dismantled or wrecked, cannot be self-propelled via its own engine, is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100, has been left on Town property for more than 24 hours, has been left on private property without consent of the owner for more than 2 hours, or has been left on any public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking or longer than seven days, or has been determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance and unlawful.

**Q:** What happens if I have a nuisance vehicle on my property?

**A:** If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a vehicle (or vehicles) on a property create a safety and health problem or are junked or abandoned, the Town will mail or post a notice giving at least seven days to remove the vehicle. If the vehicle is not removed within the specified time, the Town will remove the vehicle to a storage area and garage, and notice sent to the registered owner notifying the owner of the removal. If the owner does not reclaim the vehicle and pay any storage and towing fees, the Town will sell or dispose of the vehicle as allowed by law.

**Q:** What are the Town's requirements for cutting grass and weeding?

**A:** Section 94.04 of the Town Code of Ordinances states that each owner, occupant and person in charge of any premises within the town, except premises devoted to agricultural uses, to cut the grass on the premises to within four (4) inches of the ground at least four times per year between April 1 and September 30, as well as keep the premises free of any noxious weeds or vegetation that creates breeding places for insects, rodents or reptiles.

**Q:** What is the penalty for not cutting grass or keeping my property weeded?

**A:** If a property owner cannot mow the grass on their premises, they may contact Town Hall and have the Town mow the grass for them at a charge of \$100 per hour, with a \$100 minimum charge. Any property owner, occupant, or person in charge of any premises within the Town who fails to cut the grass as stated above, shall be fined

\$10 for each occurrence, and if not remedied promptly, the Town may remedy the situation at \$100 per hour and the debt shall become a lien on the property.