

RESOLUTION NO. 4594-08

A RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR  
RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP  
BY CITY OF GULF SHORES;  
AND RESCINDING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008, as follows:

Section 1. That the following shall be the policy governing residential trash pickup by the City of Gulf Shores Public Works Department, Streets Division:

A. Yard waste and trash from routine residential yard maintenance will be picked up weekly by City trucks. Residents shall make arrangements with private contract haulers licensed by the City to collect trash from major residential lot cleanings and clearings. No trash shall be picked up from commercial establishments.

B. The Streets Superintendent shall establish and maintain trash pickup schedules to ensure all trash/debris is picked up weekly.

Section 2. That the following items are permissible for pickup:

A. Trees and limbs. Trees are defined as being one-inch (1") in diameter and larger. Tree limbs are defined as being less than one-inch (1") in diameter.

B. Bagged leaves, bagged grass clippings, bagged pine cones, densely stacked pine straw, and densely stacked tree and shrub trimmings. NOTE: Bags are used to prevent damage to lawns when being picked up by the City clamshell loader.

Section 3. That the property owner must adhere to the following guidelines when leaving trash for pickup:

A. All trash ready for pickup must be placed on the right-of-way in front of the owner's property on the owner's side of the street within ten feet (10'), but not nearer than two feet (2'), from the edge of the roadway/pavement unless otherwise directed by the City Public Works Director to avoid equipment contact with overhead power lines and for other safety reasons. Trash must be placed contiguous to the owner's property and not in front of a neighbor's vacant lot. All materials should be placed away from utilities and other obstructions; i.e., telephone pedestals, transformers, fire hydrants, water valves, mail boxes, overhead power or TV cables, and tree limbs.

B. Trees must be cut in maximum four foot (4') lengths and stacked neatly in parallel rows. Weight must not exceed 300 pounds per length. Tree limbs must be cut into lengths not exceeding ten feet (10') and densely stacked in a separate pile.

C. Leaves, grass clippings, and pine cones must be placed in plastic bags. Pine straw and shrub trimmings may be bagged or densely stacked in one pile. NOTE: Bags are used to prevent damage to lawns when being picked up by the City clamshell loader.

D. A fee of \$10.00 per cubic yard will be assessed to the property owner for yard trash in excess of four (4) cubic yards. Four (4) cubic yards is a debris pile that measures six foot (6') long by six foot (6') wide and three feet (3') high or any combination that equals four (4) cubic yards. The owner of the property will be billed for the charges by the City.

E. Old furniture, mattresses, and similar man-made items may be put out for pickup no sooner than one (1) day before pickup is scheduled. This service is limited to residential only and not commercial rental cottages and units; weight limited to 300 pounds per item. The City Street Department (968-1448) or Public Works Department (968-1156) must be notified before any unusual item not listed is put out for pickup. No items longer than ten feet (10') in length may be put out for pickup. White goods, such as refrigerators, stoves and freezers will be picked up by both the franchised hauler and the City. White goods must be stacked/placed separately from normal yard debris and will be picked up separately.

F. No commercially created trash or construction refuse, or homeowner created construction refuse resulting from major lot cleaning, home construction, major renovation, repair or demolition will be picked up. Commercial haulers licensed by the City may be employed by the owner for this purpose. Trash or debris resulting from routine or minor homeowner maintenance and repairs, including minor lot clearing, or yard maintenance will be picked up, excluding glass, tires, batteries, and paint. A fee of \$10.00 per cubic yard will be assessed to the property owner for yard trash in excess of four (4) cubic yards.

G. On vacant lots, only bagged or densely stacked trash generated by routine maintenance and cleanup will be picked up; no trees, limbs, shrubs, or other trash generated by major lot cleaning or clearing operations will be picked up. Commercial haulers may be employed by the owner for this purpose.

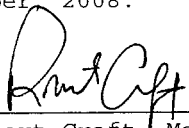
H. No garbage, or other putrefied refuse will be picked up by the City trash truck. This includes animal droppings as well as freezers or refrigerators containing spoiled food. If garbage is mixed with normal trash, the entire pile will not be picked up.

I. Environmentally dangerous hazardous waste, such as solvents, pesticides, and herbicides, must be held until the City announces its annual hazardous waste collection. At that time, residents will be asked to bring these hazardous wastes to a central staging area for proper testing, packaging and disposal in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.


Section 3. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City of Gulf Shores in conflict herewith shall be and the same are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2008.

  
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Robert Craft, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Renee F. Moore, MMC, City Clerk

I, Renee F. Moore, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 4594-08 (prepared by City Clerk), which Resolution was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on November 24, 2008.

  
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City Clerk