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GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLING

If you have questions, please contact a Customer Service Representative at 763-531-1000

The information in this pamphlet is not meant to cover all guidelines and requirements of city code. You should contact the city about required permits and specifications before beginning any project.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION (605)

Weekly garbage collection by a licensed hauler is required for all properties. A list of licensed haulers is available at City Hall. Garbage and recycling haulers may begin collection no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and must finish collection by 10:00 p.m. Special arrangements must be made with garbage haulers for pick-up of additional materials that do not fit into the standard garbage container, including grass clippings, leaves, furniture and appliances. Materials that are not accepted by licensed haulers can be taken to drop-off centers for disposal. Recycling containers provided by Hennepin Recycling Group are emptied on a bi-weekly basis.

Garbage and recycling containers must be:

- Clean and resistant to water, insects and animals
- Approved or provided by your garbage hauler
- The appropriate size to contain all waste generated on property

Garbage and recycling containers must be stored inside a building or outside not more than 3 feet from a building. Containers must not be placed closer to an abutting street than any wall of the principal building directly facing the adjacent street, except on designated collection days.

For six-family or larger dwelling units and commercial and industrial properties that generate more than 2 cubic yards of waste per week, a bulk refuse container must be provided and be shielded from public view by an appropriate and well-maintained enclosure. Bulk refuse containers are to be accessible to collection equipment and not require an intermediate transfer for proper collection. At buildings in property zoned for commercial or industrial uses, refuse must be contained in a refuse enclosure.

When landscaping materials are used, a detailed landscaping plan outlining size, type and location of planting materials must be provided for review by the city. Planting materials, for purposes of screening include shrubs, hedges, bushes or trees and must be of sufficient height, width and density to provide an effective screen. The required landscaping and fences must be maintained in an adequate and neat manner by the lessee and the owner of the building.

LITTER (635)

It is the responsibility of property owners and/or occupants to keep their property, including sidewalks and boulevards free of all litter and to contain litter in an appropriate garbage container, garage or storage building.

Litter includes, but is not limited to:

- Garbage, debris, animal waste, household appliances and furniture
- Deteriorated or wrecked property in unusable condition or left unprotected from the elements
- Inoperable, unlicensed, dismantled or abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, boats or machinery
- Yard debris, including brush, twigs, leaves, weeds and grass clippings

OUTDOOR STORAGE (635 & 515.13)

Recreational vehicles and equipment may be stored outdoors when in compliance with recreational vehicle and equipment storage ordinances (see handout, *Motor Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles and Equipment*).

Landscaping and construction materials currently being used on the property may also be stored outdoors. **All other outdoor storage is in violation of city ordinance. This includes bagged leaves, old lumber, household appliances, furniture and inoperable, unlicensed or uninsured vehicles.**

ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS (605)

Roll-off dumpsters are permitted for use in residential areas for the temporary storage of construction and demolition debris, prior to disposal. They may be kept on private property for up to three consecutive months per year but may not be placed on a public street or within the public right-of-way.