

We need your help!

We have noticed an increase in some non-conforming methods of trash disposal, and would like to remind everyone of the procedures that have been established for collection of trash. We all want our alleys to be as clean as possible at all times, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the required procedures and options available to you to assist us in accomplishing this goal.

Bulky materials are defined as:

bags of grass "do-it-yourself" remodeling materials bags of leaves "do-it-yourself" scrap fencing materials

tree trimming junk furniture and appliances

It is illegal to dispose of <u>tires, batteries, chemicals and paint</u> in dumpsters or in the alley. These items are considered "household hazardous waste" and you must dispose of these items yourself through a qualified hazardous material handler.

Refrigerated appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, window air conditioning units and central air conditioning units as well as washers, dryers, water heaters and other scrap metals may be delivered to the Street and Solid Waste department located at 301 1st Ave. for recycling.

No dirt, sand, concrete, brick or other bulk construction material shall be placed / stockpiled in the alley or discarded in dumpsters at any time. You can haul these items to the landfill or reserve the City truck as explained below. Dumping in the alley right of way is a violation of City ordinance, blocks access to City and private utility services and creates unnecessary work for City crews.

You <u>do not</u> need to call in a work order for bulky pickup. We have four scheduled bulky pickup routes that we run quarterly. Currently, it takes approximately six to eight weeks to complete the entire City each quarter.

Only household garbage, bagged leaves and grass may be placed in dumpsters. As noted above, bulky and overweight refuse are not to be placed in dumpsters. These items increase maintenance and repair costs to all of our equipment due to the increased weight. We feel that taxpayer dollars are better spent improving the quality of service, not for unnecessary equipment repairs.

As a resident of the City of Canyon, you have the option to place legal bulky materials, as described above, in the alley **behind your fence as long as complete alley access is maintained. Do not place these items behind someone else's fence, by or in the dumpster or over the water meter.** Bulky materials placed in the alley shall not exceed approximately two (2) cubic yards (about the size of the inside of a pickup bed).

If you have scrap materials exceeding two (2) cubic yards (about the size of a normal pickup load), you may contact City Hall at 655-5011 and request the use of a City truck. A flatbed truck will be checked out to you, delivered to your home for you to load, and then hauled off by the Solid Waste department at no charge to you. You may also haul materials, yourself, to Southwest Landfill at no charge to you, by showing a copy of your water bill to landfill personnel. Residency will be verified. Each solid waste fee paying customer is allowed twelve (12) free pickup loads per year (24 cubic yards, total). Each trip to the landfill shall be limited to a four (4) cubic yard MAXIMUM (the equivalent of a pickup bed and small trailer). Oversized loads delivered to the landfill will be rejected by landfill personnel or regular landfill rates will be charged to the customer.

Any waste generated by a Contractor becomes the resident's (contractor's) responsibility. Any scrap materials from remodeling, carpet replacement, wall board, brick work, fence replacement, lawn service and tree trimmings, produced by a contractor, shall be disposed of by the resident or contractor, not by the City. Contractors will not be allowed to use residents' water bill as payment for their disposal. They will be charged the regular landfill rates.

We would also like to remind you of our **brush and chip site** that is located across from the Southwest Landfill scale house. The site is limited to **City of Canyon residents only**. Days and hours of operation vary throughout the year, so please check our City website at www.canyontx.com/428/chip-site for the current schedule. You may cut firewood from this site or pick up wood chips for landscaping at no charge, when available. Our **scrap metal recycling facility** is located at 301 1st Ave., at the Street and Solid Waste department. The **used oil recycling facility** is located at 1601 3rd Ave., just north of City Hall, in the alley. **Cardboard recycling bins** are on the opposite side of the street from the oil recycling facility, close to the water tower.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. LET'S ALL KEEP CANYON A CLEANER AND SAFER PLACE TO LIVE.

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