

**Chapter 51**

**GARBAGE, LITTERING AND HANDBILLS**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 10-7-1982 as Ord. No. 5-1982. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

**Brush, weeds and debris — See Ch. 25.  
Garbage collection — See Ch. 50.  
Handbills and notices — See Ch. 52.**

**§ 51-1. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

**ALUMINUM — All products made of aluminum, including aluminum cans, foil, wrappers, containers for**

prepared dinners or other foods, screen frames and lawn chairs.

**CARDBOARD** — A stiff, moderately thick board made of paper, shaped in parallel furrows and ridges, used to make packaging and shipping containers. [Added 7-3-1985 by Ord. No. 7-1985]

**CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS** — The trash and discarded materials which are the by-products of the demolition, initial construction, repair, enlargement or renovation of structures. By way of examples, such debris consists of the following: lumber, heating and/or conduitory duct work, wallboard, metals, wiring, pipes, insulation and plaster, the foregoing being examples rather than a limitation. [Added 2-7-1991 by Ord. No. 3-1991]

**DEBRIS** — Stones, dirt, demolition material, broken concrete and other like material, brush, branches, small trees and bushes.

**GARBAGE** — Putrescible animal, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetable waste incident to and resulting from the use, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**GLASS** — All products made from silica or sand, soda ash and limestone, the product being transparent or translucent and being used for packaging or bottling or various matter, and all other material commonly known as "glass," excluding, however, blue and flat glass and glass commonly known as "window glass."

**METAL** — All products made of metal, exclusive of aluminum, including washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, hot-water heaters, tire rims, springs, bicycles, bimetal cans (tin cans) or scrap metal.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES** — Milk cartons, soda bottles, dish soap containers, laundry detergent containers and other like material. [Added 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]

**TRASH** — Ashes, plastic material, ceramics, blue and flat glass, nonputrescible solid waste, grass clippings,

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leaves, building materials, contaminated paper and other similar materials.

**WASTEPAPER PRODUCTS** — All uncontaminated paper material, such as used newspaper, magazines, books, paper, wrapping paper, bags and discarded letters and envelopes. [Amended 7-3-1985 by Ord. No. 7-1985]

**§ 51-2. Establishment of program.**

There is hereby established a program for the mandatory separation of paper products, glass, aluminum, metal, garbage, trash and debris within the City of Gloucester City.

**§ 51-3. Regulations for separation and placement for disposal.**

The occupant or owner of any building within the City of Gloucester City who shall place for disposal, removal or collection the following named items shall do so in strict conformity with the following regulations:

- A. Wastepaper products and cardboard products shall be bundled separately and secured in bundles not to exceed fifty (50) pounds and shall not be contained in plastic bags. [Amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]
- B. Glass bottles and aluminum cans shall be contained in a separate reusable metal or plastic occupant- or owner-supplied container with lids, metal rings and plastic covers removed. Each building or dwelling shall be limited to ten (10) such containers. Plastic and paper bags and boxes may not be used for disposal of glass bottles and aluminum cans. [Amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]

- C. (Reserved)<sup>1</sup>
- D. Garbage. The garbage receptacle shall be a container of galvanized iron or heavy-duty plastic and shall be watertight and provided with suitable handles and a tight-fitting cover that will prevent access of flies and other insects to the contents. The same shall be covered at all times and shall have a capacity of not less than four (4) gallons and not more than ten (10) gallons. Garbage placed for pickup shall not include other foreign items such as plastic bags or metal.
- E. Trash and debris shall be placed in metal or heavy-duty plastic containers or plastic bags secured by a lid or securely tied with a total weight not to exceed fifty (50) pounds. **[Amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]**
- F. Brush. Branches shall be tied in bundles not to exceed four (4) feet in length and of sufficient size and weight [not to exceed fifty (50) pounds] to be handled by one (1) man.
- G. Large nonmetal items, such as furniture, rugs, mattresses, television sets and wood, shall be placed at curbside on the day designated for collection of such items. Carpet and wood must be bundled in four-foot lengths, to be handled by one (1) person, not to exceed fifty (50) pounds. **[Amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]**
- H. Curbside disposal shall be limited to ten (10) containers, including bags and bundles, not to exceed fifty (50) pounds each. Any person or firm violating this subsection shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.) per day. **[Added 2-7-1991 by Ord. No. 3-1991; amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]**
- I. Tires (without rims), concrete and motor oil shall be disposed of by the owner or occupant at a location to be

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: Former Subsection C, which dealt with aluminum, was repealed 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994.

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designated by the city. [Added 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]

**§ 51-4. Collection.**

The collection, removal and disposal of wastepaper products, glass, aluminum, garbage, trash, debris and large objects shall be supervised by the Street Committee of the City Council, which shall have the power to establish the time, method and routes of service and the color coding of receptacles. Special times for large item pickup shall be established.

**§ 51-5. Receptacles. [Amended 2-6-1992 by Ord. No. 4-1992]**

All receptacles required herein shall be supplied by the occupant or owner of the premises and placed prior to collection between the curb and sidewalk, where they shall be readily accessible to the collector. The occupant or owner shall keep all receptacles clean and in condition for safe handling. Receptacles or other items to be disposed of shall be placed outside after 5:00 p.m. of the day immediately preceding the day of collection. After collection, any empty containers shall be removed from curbside promptly but no later than 7:00 p.m. of the day of collection.

**§ 51-6. Items to be property of city; collection by unauthorized persons.**

From the time of placement at the curb by any one (1) of the categories described herein for collection by the City of Gloucester City in accordance with the terms hereof, items shall be and become the property of the City of Gloucester City or its authorized agent. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person unauthorized by the City of Gloucester City to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any such items during the twenty-four-hour period commencing at 6:00 p.m. on any day preceding a day designated for collection. Any

and each such collection in violation hereof from one (1) or more residences during said twenty-four-hour period shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided.

**§ 51-7. Violations and penalties. [Amended 6-2-1994 by Ord. No. 15-1994]**

- A. Any person, firm or corporation that violates or neglects to comply with any provision of this ordinance or any regulation promulgated pursuant thereto shall be issued a warning upon committing a first offense.
- B. If a violation is not abated by 9:00 a.m. the morning following the issuance of a warning or if any violation is committed after receiving a warning in the same calendar year, a citation will be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer with a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.).
- C. Any time a person, firm or corporation commits a third offense or a greater number of offenses in the same calendar year, the offender shall receive a summons and be subject to a fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.) and not greater than (\$1,000.), as determined appropriate by the Municipal Court.

**§ 51-8. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as such to inconsistency only.

**§ 51-9. When effective.**

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.