



## **Preparation, Storage, & Removal of Refuse**

### **What Does The Law Say For Preparation**

#### **Of Refuse?**

The law governing refuse preparation for the City of Springfield can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 36-62.

#### **Code of Ordinances, 36-62 States:**

Garbage shall be wrapped or placed in closed containers.

Rubbish shall be placed in a container so as to prevent scattering or littering, or may be cut, baled, tied, bundled or packaged so as not to exceed 50 pounds in weight or four feet in length. Residential refuse that is larger shall be stored in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article.

#### **How Can Refuse Be Stored?**

The law governing refuse storage for the City of Springfield can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 36-63.

#### **Code of Ordinances, 36-62 States:**

- (1) Every owner, occupant or person in the city shall provide for their residential unit adequate numbers of proper containers or receptacles. Containers must be located in such a manner as to prevent them from being overturned. Receptacles and containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and free from any substance which will attract or breed flies, mosquitoes or other insects.
- (2) Each container shall be constructed of substantial plastic, metal or fiberglass, have a tightly fitting lid, be portable, watertight and vectorproof and verminproof and be provided with handles or bails. The mouth of a container shall have a diameter greater than or equal to that of the base. Wrapped garbage and other refuse may be deposited in plastic bags.
- (3) Rubbish and yard waste which cannot be secured in a container may be secured in bundles or may be deposited in plastic bags.
- (4) For bulky waste, containerization is not required. However, such bulky waste items shall be secured so as to prevent scattering.
- (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to use plastic bags for unprotected outdoor storage of refuse other than for leaves or other lawn debris, except that plastic bags containing all forms of refuse may be set out for scheduled collection.

Storage of plastic bags containing refuse shall be considered “unprotected” when not used as liners for cans or galvanized metal or other approved construction nor not placed in an enclosure affording reasonable protection from damage by animals.

## **Where Can refuse be Located?**

The law governing refuse location for the City of Springfield can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 36-66.

### **Code of Ordinances, 36-66 States:**

- (a) For backyard pickup collection, the producer may place containers or plastic bags in the back or side yards of a residential premise for collection once each week.
- (b) For curbside unlimited collection, all containers, bags, bundles and bulky wastes shall be placed at curbside in a manner to prevent scattering. The city contractor may decline to collect any container, bag, bundle or bulky waste item not so placed. Doors from refrigerators and freezers must be removed and the refrigerant removal and tagging before being stored for collection.
- (c) It shall be incumbent upon tenants, lessees, occupants, possessors or owners of premises to provide a safe and convenient entrance to and through the premises for the purpose of collecting garbage. Containers shall be placed where collectors may pick up and empty such containers without attack from animals.
- (d) Garbage and refuse shall not be stored in close proximity to other personal effects which are not desired to be collected but shall be reasonably separated in order that the collectors can clearly distinguish between what is to be collected and what is not to be collected.

## **When Can Refuse Be Deposited Of?**

The law governing time for depositing refuse for collection for the City of Springfield can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Section 36-67.

### **Code of Ordinances, 36-67 States:**

No garbage or refuse shall be placed for collection earlier than 1:00 p.m. on the day prior to scheduled collection. After the collection of container contents has been made, empty containers shall be removed by the customer from the curb area no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following collection.

## **Where Can I Dump Items That Waste Management Will Not Pick-Up?**

C & C Landfill, 14800 P Drive North, Marshall MI 49068 (269) 781-9742  
Operating hours Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to Noon. Call for pricing.