

MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER II

SEWAGE AND WASTES

SECTION 5

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES

REGULATION 1. Permits

No person shall collect, haul, remove or dispose of refuse for hire, fee or other consideration without a valid permit to do so, or otherwise than in compliance with the regulations in this Health Code.

REGULATION 2. Vehicles

- a. Vehicles used for the collection and transportation of refuse shall have securely covered watertight metal bodies of easily cleanable construction, shall be cleaned frequently enough to prevent their becoming a public health nuisance, and shall be maintained in good repair. Refuse storage compartments therein shall not be open or exposed excepting during filling, emptying and cleaning.
- b. Vehicles shall be loaded and moved in such a manner that the contents are not exposed and do not fall, leak, spill or escape; and where spillage does occur, it shall be picked up immediately by the permittee and removed in a sanitary manner.
- c. Each vehicle operated under permit shall have the permit number clearly inscribed on the side door panels and rear face thereof in 3-inch letters or numerals or both.

REGULATION 3. Refuse Containers

All refuse storage containers made available by a permittee under this section for public use other than those provided by a municipality shall be plainly and durably marked with the permittee's name and telephone number. Containers shall be of sufficient size and number to accommodate the service area, shall be emptied completely during the collection operation and where required, treated to prevent insect harborage or odor nuisance.

REGULATION 4. Frequency of Collection

- a. The frequency of collection shall be in accordance with regulation of the collection agency but not less than that shown in the following schedules:

- (1) Garbage only - twice weekly

- (2) Refuse with garbage - twice weekly
 - (3) Rubbish and ashes - as often as necessary to prevent nuisances and fly breeding.
- b. A variance from the required frequency rate may be granted to a person with more than five (5) permitted vehicles to allow for the collection of garbage once weekly. The variance may be granted by the Environmental Health Officer upon submission of an acceptable garbage collection frequency plan to the Department demonstrating that no public health hazards or nuisances will exist and that fly breeding will be controlled by either biological, chemical or mechanical means. All garbage collection frequency variance plans shall provide for random inspections by the Department of at least 1% of all garbage collection.
- c. Variance requests pursuant to paragraph b. of this regulation shall be submitted to the Department on application forms approved by the Environmental Health Officer. An application shall not be complete until the applicant has paid the variance fee listed in chapter one of this Environmental Health Code.
- d. A person requesting a variance, pursuant to paragraph b. of this regulation, shall give notice of the requested variance to each person whose refuse collection is proposed to be affected. Notices shall be in a form approved by the Environmental Health Officer, and shall describe the requested variance. Each notice shall be mailed or left at the residence or place of business of each person prior to the start of variance collection
- e. The standard collection service set forth in this chapter prescribes a minimum level of service and does not preclude a waste collector from providing a higher level of service.
- f. If the variance plan is found to be acceptable by the Environmental Health Officer, the Department will forward a copy of the plan to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). If approval of the variance plan is required by ADEQ, the Department may withhold its plan approval until written approval is obtained from ADEQ. If no approval of the variance plan is required from ADEQ, the Department will approve the plan and the approved variance plan shall become effective 30 days following Environmental Health Officer approval.
- g. The variance may be revoked upon determination by the Environmental Health Officer that a public health hazard or nuisance exists or the facts do not support a variance.

REGULATION 5. Place of Collection

- a. All refuse shall be properly placed on the premises for convenient collection as designated by the collection agency.
- b. Where alleys are provided, collection shall be made on the alley side of the premises wherever feasible.

REGULATION 6. Collection Required

- a. Where refuse collection service is available the following refuse shall be required to be collected: garbage, ashes, rubbish, and small dead animals which do not exceed 75 pounds in weight.
- b. The following refuse is not considered acceptable for collection but may be collected at the discretion of the collection agency where special facilities or equipment required for the collection and disposal of such wastes are provided:
 - (1) Dangerous materials or hazardous substances, such as poisons, acids, caustics, infected materials, radioactive materials, and explosives.
 - (2) Materials resulting from the repair, excavation, or construction of buildings and structures.
 - (3) Solid wastes resulting from industrial processes.
 - (4) Large animals exceeding 75 pounds in weight, condemned animals, animals from a slaughterhouse, or other animals normally considered industrial waste.
 - (5) Manure.

REGULATION 7. Notices

- a. All collection agencies shall provide each householder, or business establishment served, with a copy of the requirements governing the storage and collection of refuse, which shall cover at least the following items:
 - (1) Definitions.
 - (2) Places to be served.
 - (3) Places not to be served.
 - (4) Scheduled day or days of collection.
 - (5) Materials acceptable for collection.
 - (6) Materials not acceptable for collection.

- (7) Preparation of refuse for collection.
- (8) Types and sizes of containers permitted.
- (9) Points from which collections will be made.
- (10) Necessary safeguards for collectors.

b. All such notices governing storage and collection shall conform to these regulations.

REGULATION 8. Disposal

The permittee shall dispose of all refuse by an approved method and at an approved site. Such approval must be obtained in advance of the commencement of operations and prior to any change of method or site.