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Brush Collection

Brush collection is a residential collection service. The City’s brush trucks make continuous rounds throughout the City. Yard waste must be placed on the curbside directly in front of the residents address.

Guidelines
• Wood waste may not be larger than 6 feet in length and 24 inches in diameter
• Brush piles must not have garbage or other refuse stacked on top or intermixed
• Within Brush collection crews will not collect items other than yard waste

Placement
• Brush must be assembled at only one location adjacent to or on the property where it was generated.
• Place brush separate from other items and at least 3 feet away from all other objects.
• Brush placed as near as practicable to a public street in front of the residence is an appropriate authorized place for ease of collection without blocking the roadway, any sidewalk, drainage ditch or catch basin.

Contractors
• Licensed contractors who cut or trim trees or bushes for hire must remove the resulting debris from the premises and provide for lawful disposal of the debris. It shall be unlawful for a contractor to place such debris for residential collection.
Bulky Trash Collection

Friday each week is the City’s residential bulky item collection service day. Residents must call 423-877-1103 Extension 1021 to schedule a pickup of bulky items placed in front of the residence for collection.

• Common acceptable items are:

  - BBQ Grills
  - Furniture
  - Mattresses
  - Carpet
  - Heavy Appliances
  - Water Heaters
  - Carpet padding
  - Large toys

• “NOT” Acceptable Items:

  - 55 gallon drums
  - Brick
  - Concrete
  - Hazardous materials
  - Insulation
  - Propane tanks
  - Auto parks
  - Building materials
  - Dirt
  - Hot materials
  - Liquids
  - Tile
  - Block
  - Compressed gas tanks
  - Drywall
  - Household garbage
  - Lumber
  - Tires

This list is not all inclusive. Other items which are not listed which may be hazardous to collection employees, the public, the environment, or collection equipment will not be collected. All items placed out for collection must be stated when calling 423-877-1103 Extension 1021 to place the service request for collection.

• Placement

  Place items separate from household items and brush, and at least 3 feet away from other stationary objects, on street parking areas, and drainage clean-outs. Items should also be placed as near as practical to the roadway in front of the premises without blocking the roadway, any sidewalk or drainage ditch.
Garbage Collection

• Garbage is collected weekly. If you do not know your collection day, call 423-877-1103 Extension 1021.
• Containers must be placed on curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the collection date for your residence.
• Container must be removed within 24 hours after collection day.
• To eliminate odor and inserts, reduce spillage, and discourage animals from getting into containers, all household garbage must be placed in tightly secured bags.
• DO NOT overfill garbage containers.
• DO NOT place garbage on the ground or on top of an automated container.
• Lids must be closed completely.
• Collection crews will not pick up spills or litter resulting from unbagged garbage, overfilled containers or scavenging.
• Items that may pose a safety or health risk to the Public Works employee, the public, or property will not be collected. Hazardous materials such as oil based paints, pesticides, or batteries cannot be disposed of at the transfer station and must be taken to a household hazardous waste facility.
• Small amounts of brush or yard trimmings may be disposed of in garbage containers if they are bagged.
• For your safety, never approach the collection equipment while it is in operation.
• Garbage containers are intended for storing non-recyclable kitchen and bathroom garbage for disposal. Please recycle!

Automated Garbage Container Placement

• The wheels and handles on the garbage container should be against the curb or face away from the house.
• Container must be within 2 feet of the curb, at least 3 feet from any obstruction, and 20 feet from vehicles parked along the street.

• If you encounter problems moving your container because of your physical abilities, please call 423-877-1103 Extension 1021 for assistance.
• If you have questions regarding placement of your container, please call 423-877-1103 Extension 1021.
Repairing and Replacing Containers

• Property owners are responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing lost, stolen, or vandalized containers.
• The cost for replacement garbage containers is $70.00 each.
• Containers damaged during collection will be repaired or replaced by the City on the next working day if the City is properly notified.
• Containers are not transferable from one property to another. Containers are assigned to service locations not a person or business.
Holiday Schedule

**Holiday Schedule Waste Collection**

A YEARLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

The local landfill and transfer stations used by the City of Red Bank are closed on holidays observed by most employers. To better serve the community, residential waste collection missed as a result of a holiday is generally collected the following collection day.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 423-877-1103 Extension 1021.

**Other Waste Collection Services:**

**Debris Collection** (Furniture, appliances, etc.) on **Friday**:

Call City Hall to schedule pickups at 423-877-1103 Extension 1021

**Brush and Organic Materials**:

Once per month, dependant on storm events and volume.

**Recycle Center hours**:  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday
A YEARLY LEAF COLLECTION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

Residential loose leaf collection season begins in December and continues through February. During loose leaf collection season, Public Works crews cycle through the City collecting loose leaves.

Below is the leaf pickup schedule for the City of Red Bank.
The vacuum trucks will only make one pass down each street during this period.

No leaves will be picked up if they are mixed with brush. In that instance, neither leaves nor brush will be picked up.

Leaves not picked up during the scheduled loose leaf pick-up times must be bagged.

PRIORITY PICKUP WILL BE GIVEN FOR BAGGED LEAVES CITYWIDE AT ANYTIME.
Call City Hall at 423-877-1103 Extension 1021 to schedule bag pickup. (Usually within 48 hours)
Recycling

Red Bank does not offer curbside recycling at this time but does offer a Recycling Drop-off Center in conjunction with Hamilton County.

Red Bank Recycling Center
4851-B Dayton Blvd (next to Fire Hall #2)
Red Bank, TN 37415
423-876-2010

**Days & Hours of Operation**

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**Acceptable Materials**

- Plastics #1-7 (soda bottles, milk jugs, shampoo & conditioner bottles, etc.)
- Brown, green and clear glass
- Aluminum & steel cans
- Mixed paper
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Small rechargeable batteries (batteries only)
- Computers, monitors, DVD/VCR players, stereos and radios
Household medical waste, such as sharps, bandages, and medications can be harmful to human health and the environment when improperly managed. Improper disposal of medical waste can cause injury – to both members of your household and to sanitation workers who pick up your garbage. Some of this waste can be infectious (capable of causing infection to others). Help protect yourself and others by properly disposing of this medical waste.

**Sharps Disposal** Sharps include needles, syringes and lancets. Used sharps have the potential to harm anyone that comes in contact with them. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued new recommendations for disposal of sharps at home:

**Mail-back Service:** This is a service you purchase. Included in your service will be a needle container and mail-back packaging. You simply fill the container with your used needles and mail it back using the package provided for you. The price for this service varies on the size of needle container you choose. To locate a provider, you can call the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 800-643-1643 or visit their website at www.safeneedledisposal.org. Be sure to ask the company if their service is approved by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Home Needle destruction Devices:** These destruction devices allow you to destroy needles at home by burning, melting, cutting off the needle – making it safe to throw in the garbage. Prices for devices vary by manufacturer. For more information visit www.fda.gov/diabetes/lancing/html#5

If the above options are not feasible, you may follow these instructions for disposal:

**Secured Device:** Place sharps in a hard plastic or metal container, with a screw-on or tightly secured lid. Thick plastic bottles such as detergent bottles or bleach bottles work well. Do not fill the container more than ¾ full to avoid getting a needle stick. Before discarding the container, reinforce the lid with heavy duty tape. Do not put sharps in a glass container, or any container that you plan to recycle. Keep all containers with sharps out of the reach of children or pets until you dispose of it in your regular trash receptacle.

**Bandages and Dressing Disposal** It is also recommended that soiled bandages, disposable sheets, medical gloves, etc. be discarded with special care. These items should be double bagged: first placed in a securely fastened plastic bag then placed inside a second bag and discarded in the trash. Be sure to keep this material out of the reach of children and pets until you can place it in the trash receptacle.

**Medications** The best way to get rid of unused medication is to take it to a safe disposal site. As a Red Bank resident you have two options: (1) you can take unused oral medication to the BI_LO Store located at 3901 Dayton Boulevard or (2) you can take part in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is held every 2nd Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Wood/Brush Collection Center at 3925 North Hawthorne Street in Chattanooga.

If you dispose of medications at home, it is recommended that you take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers before placing them in the trash. Adding an undesirable substance such as coffee ground or used kitty litter to prescription drugs and then placing them in a non-descript container such as a detergent bottle is a good way to ensure the drugs are tampered with after you place them in the trash receptacle.

Even though it’s not the best environmental option, there are certain drugs that can be flushed down the toilet as follows:

- Actiq (fentanyl citrate)
- Daytrana Transdermal Path (methylphenidate)
- Duragesic Transdermal System (fentanyl)
- OxyCotin Tablets (oxycodone)
- Avinza Capsules (morphine sulfate)
- Baraclude Tablets (entecavir)
- Reyataz Capsules (atazanavir sulfate)
- Tequin Tablets (gatifloxacin)
- Zerit for Oral Solution (stivudine)
- Meperidine HCI Tablets
- Percocet (Oxycodone and Acetaminophen)
- Xyrem (Sodium Oxybate)
- Fentora (fentanyl buccal tablet)

Do not flush unused medications down the toilet unless the label or accompanying patient information indicates it is safe to do so. These medications can all be taken to the above BI-LO or Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

For more information on the content covered in this flyer, please visit the following websites:

- www.eao.gov
- www.fda.gov
- www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov
Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility allows Hamilton County residents to dispose of common hazardous materials generated within their residence the second Saturday of every month.

Location & Phone Number: 3925 North Hawthorne Street
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Hours of Operation: Open the second Saturday of each month
8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Common Items Accepted:
Adhesives, oil based paint, air conditioning refrigerants, oven cleaners, carburetor cleaners, paint remover/thinner, compact fluorescent tubes, pesticides, computers, propane tanks or bottles, drain openers, small electronics, dry cell batteries, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, starter fluids, fungicides, thermostats, grease & rust solvents, wet cell batteries, herbicides, wood & metal cleaners, insecticides, wood preservatives, motor oil & vehicle fluids

Items NOT Accepted:
Ammunition, medical waste, biological waste, radioactive waste, commercial hazardous waste, unidentifiable waste, explosives, yard waste, latex paint