

Refuse Collection Policy

Chapter 50 of the Town Ordinance provides for pickup of garbage and other refuse in the Town of Elizabethtown.

1. Every effort will be made to pick up leaves and limbs one time per week. The pickup will start in the West side of Town and continue East until the entire Town has received service. If the leaf and limb trucks pass before the citizen's debris is ready, pickup will not be made until the following week. Leaves are picked up separately from Limbs. The following guidelines should be used when leaving items for collection:
 - Place debris within 15 feet of the street (Chapter 50.04 (F)).
 - Do not place debris on asphalt, in ditches or within the street curb.
 - Debris should be easily accessible by Town crews (not blocked by vehicles).
 - All debris must be placed in neat, compact piles (Chapter 50.04(F)).
 - Leaves and Limbs should be in separate and distinct piles (mixed debris will not be collected) (Chapter 50.04 (E)).
 - Leave debris loose. Do not place in garbage bags.
 - Debris quantity limited to one truckload per week.
2. Town crews will not pick up rocks, dirt, tree trunks, stumps, or limbs that exceed 3 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter (Chapter 50.04 (C, D, E)). Arrangements for removal of this type of debris will be the responsibility of the property owner. (Pruning debris and shrub cleanup items not exceeding the above size requirements are eligible pickup items.)
3. Each parcel is allowed one truckload of debris removal each week. If a debris pile exceeds one truckload, none of the debris will be removed. Failure to remove significant debris amounts will be treated as a nuisance and referred to proper authorities for code enforcement action.
4. TREE REMOVAL: Disposal of debris following tree removal is the responsibility of the property owner. If the property owner contracts with someone to remove the tree, debris removal should be part of that contract. If the property owner conducts the tree removal themselves, they should make arrangements to have the debris removed.
5. All tree trimming/removal contractors must have a Town Business License in order to perform such services with-in the Town Limits (Chapter 50.05). All contractors are informed of these rules at time of license payment. The Town will not pick up any debris left by a contractor who clears or removes trees from a citizen's home/lot. In all cases involving contracted work, debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner/contractor. To determine whether a contractor is properly licensed, phone Town Hall at 862-3979.
6. No debris of any kind will be picked up from vacant lots (Chapter 50.04 (C)). If a lot is being cleared, it is the responsibility of the contractor or property owner to arrange for debris removal. Only property owners with active utility account in good standing are eligible for pickup service.

7. The Town will not pick up any building rubbish or construction debris. It is the responsibility of the contractor, builder, or property owner to remove any building rubbish resulting from construction, remodeling, or demolition (Chapter 50.03 (D)).
8. Bulk items are picked up by request only. Do not place white goods, furniture, or other large items at the curb before Thursday. The maximum allowable item weight is 100 lbs. Any item above 100 lbs. is not eligible for this service. Call the Public Services Department (862-2035) to schedule pickup.
9. The Town will not pick up multiple white goods of the same type from one location (i.e., 3 refrigerators, 2 clothes dryers, etc.), as it is reasonable to expect that each home utilizes only one of each appliance.