

"Don't Dump on Dumas"—Rules for Alley Trash Pickup

Your observance of the following rules will help keep our alleys and our community clean (and avoid letters, citations & fines):

Household garbage

Any and all of your household garbage and trash should be placed **INSIDE THE TRASH DUMPSTER**—

- **NOT** next to the dumpster.
- **NOT** on the ground.
- **NOT** in the green yard waste containers.

If your dumpster is full, please call the city's solid waste department at 935-2636. We'll come and empty it as soon as we can get to it. (no charge to residential customers for extra pickup.)

- **DO NOT** over fill the dumpster.
- **DO NOT** place trash on the ground next to the dumpster.
- **DO NOT** put household garbage in the green yard waste containers.

PLEASE BAG YOUR GARBAGE. This reduces spillage and blowing waste and helps keep the alleys cleaner.

- ❖ **DO** keep the **covers** to the dumpsters **closed** at all times. This cuts down on smell, and wind blowing the garbage throughout our city.

Bulk waste that does not fit in dumpster

Each *residence* is allowed to place at the alley, behind your own property, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards of large or **bulky waste** items (the size of about a **half pickup truck load**) that will not fit in the dumpster. This includes old furniture, scrap lumber or metal, appliances, etc. If you have more than this amount you may call to schedule a flatbed truck. You would be required to load this truck. There is no charge for this service. (This does not apply to commercial/business properties)

DO:

- Place the bulk waste neatly **behind your own property.**
- *Call 935-2636 to schedule pickup.*

DO NOT:

- Put out more than a half pickup truck load of bulk waste at any one time.
- Place bulk waste behind your neighbor's property.
- Place bulk waste next to the dumpster or next to a gas meter.
- Obstruct the alley.
- Put heavy loads of concrete, rock, dirt, or similar material in the alley or dumpster. (These items cannot be picked up by the city. Please make other arrangements.)

Yard waste

Yard waste should be placed **INSIDE THE GREEN YARD WASTE CONTAINERS**.

Yard waste includes **ONLY** grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs, lumber and yes, even tumbleweeds. **Household trash does not go in the yard waste containers.**

DO:

- Put any and all yard waste inside the green yard waste containers.
- Call the solid waste department at 935-2636 if your yard waste container is full.

DO NOT:

- Put anything other than yard waste in the yard waste containers.
- Over fill the yard waste container.
- Dump yard waste on the ground.
- Put painted wood in container.
- **Bag your yard clippings** or anything that does go in container.
- Put lumber with any type of metal or nails in container.

Tree limbs or lumber that will not fit in the green yard waste container may be placed behind your property for bulk waste pickup; however, they must be cut into lengths of no more than four feet and cannot exceed the equivalent of a half pickup load at a time. You must immediately call for a pickup at 935-2636.

If you are a contractor...

If you are a contractor or in a building trades business or commercial yard maintenance business, you are generally responsible, yourself, for disposing any waste generated by your business activities. For further information, please call the city's solid waste department at 935-2636.

The city is not responsible for items that are left in the alley or on the edge of your property in the alley. These items are left open to theft and vandals, as well as being subject to cleanup and removal.

It is the law and responsibility of citizens to keep their alley, yard and entire property clean and safe. Cleanliness keeps away the roaches, mosquito's, rodents and disease. Improper trash disposal and accumulation may result in the responsible party being issued a citation to municipal court. A violation is a class C misdemeanor and possible fine of up to \$500 each day/offense.

We hope you find this information useful in your efforts to help us keep Dumas a safe and healthy city to live in. We appreciate your diligence regarding these matters. Thank you for taking pride in your property and our city.