

## Re: Solid Waste Ordinance and Policy Update

Dear Bartlett Resident,

In an effort to help keep your solid waste fees down, we are constantly reevaluating the costs associated with collection. Over the past several years, the increasing amount of yard waste and mulchable materials we collect has necessitated some changes to our Solid Waste Ordinance.

Effective **May 1st**, the City will pick-up twelve (12) cubic yards of debris per week from each residence. This is equal to a pile that is thirteen (13) feet long by five (5) feet wide and five (5) feet tall. No single piece of yard waste or mulchable materials placed out for pick-up can be longer than eight (8) feet or greater than two (2) feet in diameter.

Amounts of debris larger than the twelve (12) cubic yards allowed are considered to be outside the scope of the City's household services. In such cases, the resident has three (3) options:

- 1. The resident may hire a contractor to remove the debris.
- 2. The resident, NOT a contractor, may bring the debris to the Solid Waste complex at 5250 Shelter Run Lane. Residents must show proof of residence and should call the Solid Waste office before bringing the debris.
- 3. The resident may call the Solid Waste office at 385-6486 for a cost estimate for the City to make a special collection. Our current price is \$400.00 per truck load plus fees.

If you hire a contractor to perform property maintenance or landscaping resulting in more than the twelve (12) cubic yards allowed, your contractor(s) is responsible for the disposal of the debris — not the City. Be sure the disposal cost is included in your contractor's price.

Bartlett's Solid Waste Division is completely self-funded using only the solid waste fees, and does NOT use any tax dollars. Without making these changes, we would no longer be able to sustain the weekly collection of yard waste and mulchable materials.

If you would like more information or to read the complete Solid Waste Policy, please visit the Solid waste page of the City's web site or you may call the Public Works office at 385-5570.

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