

City of Meadowlakes

Solid Waste (Trash) Collection

Please find below a brief description of the solid waste collection provided to the Citizens of Meadowlakes by the City's contractor Allied Waste Systems.

General

- All solid waste (trash) will be picked up only on **Wednesday** of each week. Trash shall **not** be placed at the curb before **noon** on **Tuesday** and shall be removed by 8 am on Thursday. All containers shall be stored in a manner so as they are not visible from the street. (Ordinance §130.02) Trash should be placed on your property near the curb (not in the street or behind mailboxes).
- Trash may be placed in trash cans, bags, and boxes or tied bundles not exceeding 50 pounds in weight. Please remember that we live in a rather rural area, wildlife may scatter your waste if bags are just set out. We encourage the use of trash cans to prevent animal intrusions.
- Recycle pickup will be only on the **first** and **third Wednesday** of each month. Please see the attached pamphlet from Allied Waste with more details regarding recycling and the recycling schedule for 2008.

Bulky Items

- Large bulky items and/or items weighing more than 50 pounds will only be collected by appointment. Residents should call Allied at 830-693-3513 for arrangements.
- Acceptable bulky items include appliances, hot water heaters, furniture, etc. (Refrigerators and freezers are required to have refrigerate removed by an approved State licensed contractor.)
- Items weighing less than 50 pounds and less than 4 feet in length will be picked up on your regular collection day.

Brush and Leaves Pickup

- Residents and property owners who contract or hire a third party to trim shrubs and trees shall require the contractor to dispose of all trimmings. This includes waste generated from lawn maintenance such as leaves and grass clippings. Allied nor the City will be responsible for pickup.
- Allied nor the City will be responsible for brush pickup that is greater than incidental pruning's and clippings. Incidental pruning and clippings is defined as minor trimmings from a normal household/lot cleanup as would be appropriate for a residential family homeowner to do in usual home and garden operation.
- Small brush trimmings, twigs, sticks (i.e. anything less than one inch in diameter) shall be bundled tightly with string or wire in a bundle not exceeding four feet in length and 50 pounds in weight.
- City and POA Chipper crews will collect and chip brush trimmings on Thursday of each week. Our crews will only collect brush with limbs greater than one inch and less than three inches in diameter. Brush trimmings less than one inch should be bundled as mentioned above for pickup by Allied Waste. Trimming from banana and palm trees, vines, rose bushes, pampas grass and other fibrous trimmings must be bundled as described above for pickup on Wednesdays by Allied. Such items cannot be chipped due to their fibrous nature. Please note that brush, leaves or trash cannot be temporarily or permanently stored or deposited on any public or other private property including the streets. (Ordinance §130.02)

Prohibited Items

- Hazardous or special wastes which are defined, characterized or designated as hazardous or special waste by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or any other Government Agency with appropriate jurisdiction.
- Other prohibited items include wet paints, household chemicals, pool chemicals, tires, batteries, antifreeze and motor oil.
- Construction and remodeling materials.

Residents with questions or complaints are asked to call the City Public Works Department at 830- 693-2951.