

Georgetown County Code of Ordinances Chapter 8

- **ARTICLE II. - SOLID WASTE**

- **Sec. 8-21. - Definitions.**

[The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:]

Acceptable solid waste. Solid waste which is acceptable at the county landfill or county recycling center. Acceptable waste at the county landfill shall include, garbage, refuse and other municipal solid waste from residential, commercial, industrial and community activities which is generated and collected in aggregate, and which is not otherwise defined herein as unacceptable waste.

Acceptable waste at the recycling centers shall include, garbage, refuse, and other municipal solid waste generated from residences. No amount of hazardous waste, radioactive or infectious waste that is regulated by law is acceptable at the landfill or county recycling center.

Commercial hauler. Used interchangeably with ["private hauler" and "industrial hauler"].

Construction and demolition debris. Solid waste generated as a result of construction, demolition, remodeling and repair projects, excluding asbestos or other special waste. Items accepted are listed on Appendix I of SCDHEC R 61-107-11 Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Regulation, excluding land clearing and debris yard waste.

Homeowner. One who utilizes the landfill or county recycling center for his/her own use to dispose of household residential waste or yard waste generated from the home in which the homeowner resides.

Household residential waste. The accumulation of solid waste including unrecovered recyclable materials, generated by single-family or multifamily residential facilities that are charged the annual household fees.

Industrial hauler. A hauler serving industry and/or business exclusively.

Land clearing debris. Debris including soils, roots, stumps and limbs larger than eight (8) [inches] in diameter or greater than six (6) feet in length.

Noncommercial vehicle. An automobile, pickup truck and/or an 8'x5'x3' trailer used to haul household residential waste by a homeowner for noncommercial uses exclusively, in volumes less than one-half-ton.

Private hauler. A collector who hauls yard waste, household residential, business, industrial and/or commercial refuse.

Yard waste. Solid waste consisting solely of vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance including, leaves, brush, grass, small limbs less than eight (8) inches in diameter and less than six (6) feet in length.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-1, 3-9-04)

• **Sec. 8-22. - Recycling centers.**

(a)

The following materials that are generated within Georgetown County by Georgetown County citizens are allowed for acceptance at the recycling centers if they are transported by individual residents in a pickup truck, automobile, or an 8'x5'x3' trailer at a rate of one (1) load each per day:

(1)

Recyclables separated in appropriate categories.

(2)

Yard waste—No plastic bags.

(3)

Household residential waste.

(4)

Construction and demolition waste excluding shingles, asbestos, liquid paint, hazardous waste.

(5)

Four (4) passenger tires per person.

(b)

Centers are for use of county homeowners for the disposal of household residential waste. Nonresidential and large quantities of waste should be taken to the county landfill.

(c)

Littering, as defined in section 11-5, county litter ordinance, shall be prohibited at the county recycling centers.

(d)

All solid waste shall be placed in appropriate receptacles at the centers, as directed by the center attendant. Loitering is prohibited at the centers.

(e)

Scavenging is prohibited at the centers.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-2, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-23. - Speeding.**

All vehicles on the solid waste complex property shall not exceed the posted speed limit. All violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-3, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-24. - Roll-off container usage.**

(a)

Citizen groups or municipalities may request roll-off container usage for special projects. A container use form must be submitted to the county administrator or his designee, one (1) week in advance of requested date.

(b)

Container usage is limited to a maximum of two (2) container loads made available per project. Approval will be on a case-by-case basis, or as approved by the county administrator.

(c)

Container usage will be approved only if containers are available.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-4, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-25. - Fees.**

(a)

Fees to be prescribed. There shall be prescribed fees set for all debris treated, processed, or disposed at the solid waste management complex. The environmental services division shall keep and maintain records of all transactions occurring at the complex for a period of seven (7) years.

(b)

Exemptions. The following materials that are generated within Georgetown County by Georgetown County citizens are exempt from tipping fee charges at the solid waste complex:

(1)

Recyclables processed at the materials recovery facility.

(2)

Household residential waste and construction and demolition waste generated and transported by individual homeowners to the solid waste management complex in a noncommercial vehicle at a maximum of three (3) loads per day.

(3)

Tires, with sufficient proof that the South Carolina Tire Fee was paid. Without proof, individual homeowners can bring up to four (4) tires per month per person.

(4)

Clean soil or soil-like material that may be used for daily cover determined on a case-by-case basis.

(5)

Litter and animals collected from along the roadside.

(6)

The annual household fee shall not apply to the residential property of owners who qualify for an exemption of all property taxes under S.C. Code 1976, § 12-37-220.

(7)

Yard waste and limbs less than eight (8) inches in diameter and less than six (6) feet in length that are transported by individual homeowners in noncommercial vehicles with a three-load per day maximum limit.

(8)

Churches and nonprofit organizations may request waiver of fees for construction and demolition debris by submitting a waiver request form to the county administrator, or his designee, at least one (1) week in advance of the date of request. Waiver will be granted on a case-by-case basis if in the best interest of the county. Waiver will be limited to ten (10) tons or two (2) truck loads, whichever is less, per church or organization per year.

(c)

Fees for debris. The following materials will be charged their respective rates:

(1)

Eighty dollars (\$80.00) per ton for all waste classified as "special waste" by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and acceptable to the county as described in the Analysis Plan for Special Waste, May 1993, amended July 1996 and August 2002. Wastes included, but not limited to, are asbestos, sludges or wastes from industrial sources, including car crushing fluff, and spill debris. All special wastes must be pre-approved for disposal.

(2)

One hundred (\$100.00) per ton for all tires without sufficient proof that the South Carolina Tire Fee was paid.

(3)

Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per ton for solid waste disposed in the Subtitle D Landfill. This includes, but is not limited to:

a.

Commercial waste.

b.

Manufacturing waste.

(4)

Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per ton for land clearing debris and construction and demolition debris. This includes, but not limited to:

- a. Land clearing debris including the soils, roots, stumps and limbs larger than eight (8) [inches] in diameters and greater than six (6) feet in length.
 - b. Residential, commercial and industrial construction and demolition debris.
 - c. Bulk waste.
- (5) Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per ton for clean beneficial waste. This includes:
- a. Concrete broken up into less than one-foot pieces.
 - b. Brick, block and stone.
 - c. Yard waste and limbs less than eight (8) inches in diameter and less than six (6) feet in length transported by commercial haulers
 - d. Shingles, with no lumber or paper.
- (6) An annual household fee of forty-four (\$44.00) per residential unit is established.
- (7) A special handling fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) a ton will be charged to all haulers who misrepresent load content and/or dump a load in an inappropriate site on the landfill property. (i.e., contaminated recyclables dumped at the Materials Recovery Facility, Subtitle D, waste dumped at the construction and demolition landfill)
- (8) Yard waste mixed with other debris will not be accepted at the solid waste complex. Violators will be charged one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per occurrence.
- (9) Payment of fees may be made by one (1) of the following methods:
- a. Cash.
 - b. Check. Refer to return check policy in article I, section [2-11](#) in the Georgetown County Code.
 - c. Credit. All credit must be pre-approved prior to acceptance at the landfill.
 - d.

Credit or debit cards. Master Card, Discover and American Express.

(10)

Twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) per ton of sewage sludge disposal by partners listed in the West Georgetown Regional Service Agreement and pursuant to agreement with the Georgetown County Water and Sewer District.

(11)

Nonsingle-family residential customers [or nonresidential customers] shall be charged an annual fee of forty-four dollars (\$44.00) per roll-out container services not more than twice per week. The fee shall be proportionally greater for a container or containers that are serviced more frequently than twice per week. Georgetown County may adjust the fee for any nonresidential property which changes the number of "roll-out" containers or the number of pick-ups per week during the year.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-20, 3-9-04; Ord. No. 2004-39, 6-22-04; Ord. No. 2005-32, 6-14-05; Ord. No. 2007-25, 5-22-07; Ord. No. 2007-61, 9-21-07; Ord. No. 2009-69, 10-27-09)

- **Sec. 8-26. - Late fees.**

All landfill bills will be mailed by the fifth of each month and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee will be imposed on all accounts not current by the twenty-fifth of the same month in addition to a one and one-half (1.5) percent interest fee per month charged on the twenty-sixth day of the month. Payment must be postmarked by the twenty-fifth day of the month. Customers with an unpaid balance will be denied use of the landfill when account has become sixty (60) days past due. There will be a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee imposed for their resumption of services.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-21, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-27. - Procedures.**

(a)

All commercial haulers wishing to dispose of solid waste at the Georgetown County Landfill will be charged and required to purchase a ten dollar (\$10.00) sticker annually from the county. This sticker is per truck, trailer or vehicle. These haulers will be required to submit a route or schedule for the area serviced. Routes and schedules should be updated as changes occur.

(b)

The operator of the landfill is hereby given authority to determine the following:

(1)

Any requirement or charges for special handling of any load; and

(2)

Other determinations not specifically covered as the need arises.

(c)

No plastic bagged yard waste will be accepted at the landfill complex or at the recycling centers.

(d)

Per an agreement with Horry County, one (1) load of municipal solid waste per month will be accepted at the solid waste complex from Horry County at no charge in exchange for one (1) load of municipal solid waste per month being accepted at Georgetown County at no charge.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-22, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-28. - Enforcement/authority.**

The Georgetown County Environmental Services Division shall be the primary enforcement agency of this article; provided, however, that nothing in this article is in conflict with any state or county ordinances or regulations.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-23, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-29. - Penalties.**

Anyone violating the provisions of this article shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than thirty (30) days or fined up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-24, 3-9-04)

- **Sec. 8-30. - Freedom of information requests.**

Requests for file or ticket information must be submitted in writing to the environmental services administrative office. All copies will be charged at twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page. In the case of individuals requesting to conduct file searches, these searches must be pre-arranged and preformed in the presence of environmental services staff.

Research for ticket information up to ninety (90) days prior to written request will be charged for a minimum of three dollars (\$3.00) in addition to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page copying fee. If information is beyond ninety (90) days prior to written request, a research fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour will be imposed in addition to the twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page copying fee.

(Ord. No. 2004-08, § 8-25, 3-9-04)