

Chapter 8

COUNTY UTILITIES AND SERVICES

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 8-2. Definitions

- (1) Homeowner: One who utilizes the landfill or county recycling center for his own use to dispose of *household residential waste or yard waste*
- (2) Private Hauler: A collector who hauls *yard waste*, household residential, business, industrial and/or commercial refuse.
- (3) Industrial hauler: A hauler serving industry and/or business exclusively.
- (4) Commercial hauler: Used interchangeably with items (2) and (3).
- (5) *Non-Commercial vehicle: A vehicle used by individual homeowners for hauling household residential waste in quantities smaller than one-half ton.*
- (6) *Yard waste: Solid waste consisting solely of vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance.*
- (7) *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 from residences. No amount of hazardous waste or infectious waste that is regulated by law is acceptable at the landfill or county recycling center.
- (8) *Household Residential Waste: The accumulation of solid waste including unrecovered recyclable materials, generated by single-family or multifamily residential facilities Land clearing debris: Including the soils, roots, stumps, and limbs larger than eight (8) in diameter or greater than six (6) feet in length.*

(Ord. No. 91-26, § 1, 9-10-91; Ord. No. 93-22, § 1, 6-8-93)

Sec. 8-3. 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 pick-up truck, automobile, or 8x5x3 trailer at a rate of one load each per day:

- (1) Recyclables separated in appropriate categories*
- (2) Yard waste*
- (3) Household residential waste*
- (4) Construction and Demolition 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 Sec. 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.*

Sec. 8-4. 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.

Sec. 8-5—8-19. Reserved.

ARTICLE II LANDFILL USER FEES AND CHARGES

Sec. 8-20. Solid waste 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 Division Of Solid Waste Management 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 transported and generated by individual homeowners to the solid waste management complex in a non-commercial vehicle at three 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 tires per month per person.*
 - (4) *Clean soil or soil-like material that may be used for daily cover.*
 - (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 South Carolina Code of Law Section 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 non-commercial vehicles.*
- (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. Wastes included, but not limited to, are asbestos, sludges from industrial sources, and spill debris.
 - (2) *Eighty dollars (\$80.00) 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. Car crushing fluff.
 - b. Commercial waste.
 - c. Manufacturing waste.
- (4) Thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per ton for all 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) in diameter 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 all 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) In lieu of charging municipalities and private haulers for household residential waste, an annual household fee of twenty-five dollars (\$44.00) per residential unit is established.
(Ord. No. 98-22, § 1, 6-23-98)
- (7) A special handling fee of \$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. (ie. 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 \$150.00 per occurrence.
- (9) Payment of fees may be made by one of the following methods:
 - 1. Cash
 - 2. Check Refer to Return Check Policy in Article I Section 2-11 in the Georgetown County Code.
 - 3. Credit All credit must be pre-approved prior to acceptance at the landfill.

Sec. 8-21. Late fees.

All landfill bills will be mailed by the fifth of each month and a twenty-five (\$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 26th 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. 99-49, 10-26-99)

Sec. 8-22 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.**

(Ord. No. 91-26, § 1, 9-10-91; Ord. No. 93-22, § 2,6-8-93)

***Editor’s note-** Ord. No. 91-26, § 1, adopted Sept. 10, 1991, repealed Art. II of Ch. 8, pertaining to solid waste disposal and derived from the following ordinances:

Adoption		Adoption	
Date	Sec.	Date	Sec.
4- 8-80	1-1 –1-6	4-11-89	1-3
7- 16-87	1-3	3-13-90	1-8
12 8-87	-	5-8-90	1,2

In addition, § 1 of Ord. No. 91-26 enacted a new Art II, set out above.

State law reference- Authority to regulate solid waste, S.C. Code 1976, § 44-55-1010.

Sec. 8-23. Enforcement/authority.

The Georgetown County Landfill 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. 91-26, § 1,9-10-91; Ord. No. 93-22, § 4, 6-8-93)

Sec. 8-24 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) for each offense.

(Ord. No. 91-26, § 1,9-10-91; Ord. No. 93-22, § 4,6-8-93)