

**204. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ‘BULKY WASTE POLICY’ FOR THE CITY OF GROTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BULKY WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING PENALTY CLAUSE, PROVIDING PUBLICATION, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (INITIALLY APPROVED MARCH 3, 2014; FINALLY APPROVED APRIL 7, 2014)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton has established guidelines for controlling junk, trash, bulky waste, and other nuisances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reviewed bulky waste collection and the recommendations of staff regarding what types of waste are considered bulky waste for the purposes of collections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend the bulky waste collection regulations and finds that such changes are necessary to provide clearer guidelines regarding bulky waste collection services to the residents of the City of Groton;

**I. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Bulky Waste: Large items of waste materials which do not fit in a trash receptacle. This may include such items as appliances, furniture and brush.

Construction and Demolition Waste: Waste building material and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings and other structures. This includes, but is not limited to, treated and untreated wood scrap or lumber, sheetrock, wall board, plaster or plaster board, asphalt shingles or other roofing materials, fiberglass insulation, blocks or other masonry, ceramic tile, or sliding glass doors.

Hazardous material: Freon, paint, oil or petroleum based products, batteries, pesticides, televisions, computer monitors and any substance or item that can be hazardous to the environment.

**II. Bulky Waste Pick-up**

a) Pick-ups **shall be** by appointment only and **shall be** scheduled with the Public Works Department one week prior to pick up.

b) Pick-ups will usually be on Wednesdays.

c) Items to be picked-up **shall be** separated into piles of the following: wood, brush, metal, furniture and miscellaneous. Items to be picked up must be placed at the curbside in such a way that they do not impede the use of travel lanes, sidewalks, driveways or adjacent properties. Items must be away from trees, telephone poles, wires or other obstacles.

d) Items such as tree branches, brush, wood, etc. must be no longer than 8 feet in length.

e) Appliance doors **must be** removed.

f) All items for pick-up are to be placed out curbside **by** 7AM or 6AM (Memorial Day through Labor Day) but no **earlier than** 4 days prior to the date of pick up.

g) Tires will be picked up during the special collection held two times per year – during the first week of April and the first week of October.

h) Hazardous materials will not be picked up with trash or bulky waste, but can be disposed of at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day which is determined annually by the Town of Groton.

i) Regular household garbage and recyclable items will not be picked up with bulky waste. The following items **cannot be taken** with trash or bulky waste:

- Construction and demolition materials as defined in this Ordinance
- Creosote lumber or railroad ties
- Stumps that cannot be picked up by hand
- Motor Vehicles and Marine Vessels
- Carpet or carpet padding
- Grass Clippings

### **III. Fees**

a) The City of Groton Public Works Department may recommend bulky waste fees for approval by the City Council. Bulky waste fees **must be** paid the week before the pick-up date and are non-refundable.

b) There will be an additional fee charged per item for the following items:

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| Refrigerators    | Freezers                    | Heat pumps                 |
| Air Conditioners | Dehumidifiers/Humidifiers   | Fluorescent Light Fixtures |
| Tires on rims    | Mercury Vapor Lamp Fixtures |                            |

### **IV. Improper Discarding of Bulky Waste Prohibited**

Discarding bulky waste items, construction and demolition materials, or hazardous materials in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is prohibited.

**V. Enforcement and Violations**

a) Any authority having jurisdiction to enforce city ordinances shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this article.

b.) Any property's owner, agent, tenant or person responsible for the property where a violation of this Ordinance exists shall be subject to a fine of \$100. Each twenty-four-hour period that the violation of this Ordinance continues shall be considered a separate offense.

**VI. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after final passage.

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on March 6, 2014 and March 7, 2014;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council finally approve "An Ordinance amending 'Bulky Waste Policy' for the City of Groton for the purpose of amending bulky waste collection guidelines; providing severability, providing penalty clause, providing publication, and providing an effective date".

Initially Approved: March 3, 2014

Finally Approved: April 7, 2014

  
Marian K. Galbraith, Mayor

  
Debra Patrick, City Clerk