

# Talking Trash

## What you need to know about garbage, trash, recycling

OK, with all the talk of cleaning up Biloxi, it's time for a refresher course on how to make sure your garbage, recycling and yard waste are picked up in a timely manner.

Pickup is a contracted service through the Harrison County Utility Authority. Biloxi residents pay a monthly fee on their water bill -- \$15.75 -- for these services.

The Harrison County Utility Authority has two contractors:

Waste Management, which handles residential garbage and recycling, pickup carts in the northern areas of the city on Thursdays and the remainder of the city on Friday. Garbage must be placed in the brown cart; recycling in the green cart.

Pelican Waste, which primarily handles trash such as yard waste, follows the same schedule. Place items at the curb as shown in the illustration.

### What will be picked up

Limbs should be no longer than eight feet. Leaves, pine straw and insulation must be bagged to be picked up. Furniture and appliances are acceptable for pickup; however, refrigerators must have doors removed and be tagged to show Freon has been removed before they will be picked up.

### What will not be picked up

No unbagged household garbage or unbagged leaves will be picked up. Nor will hazardous materials. Contractor-generated waste, such as construction debris, or limbs left by tree or lawn services, will not be picked up. Removal of those items is the responsibility of your contractor.

### What if the pickup is missed?

If your pickup is missed, call the number on side of the cart: 228-701-9086. Option 1 for Waste Management, Option 2 for Pelican Waste, or Option 3 for the Harrison County Utility Authority staff.

Curbside activities are monitored by in-vehicle cameras, and chips embedded into the carts. In fact, the HCUA contract includes penalties for repeated lapses in service.

### About those empty lots

Neither Waste Management nor Pelican will pick up trash placed in the right-of-way in front of an empty lot. If you see trash on side of the road, please call the Public Works Department at 228-435-6271 or email Craig Ross at [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us).

### A few words about recycling

Recycling must be placed in the green cart.

Accepted: Aluminum cans, plastic products (rated #1 to #3 – bottles, jugs, etc.), clean pizza boxes, garden plastics, flattened cardboard boxes, empty containers, glass and paper products such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, etc.

Not accepted: Plastic bags, foam or Styrofoam containers, wire hangers, windows, mirrors, ceramic or Pyrex dishes, organic or food waste, electronics, paint, pesticides, cleaners, waxed cardboard, needles or syringes, scrap metal, or hazardous waste.

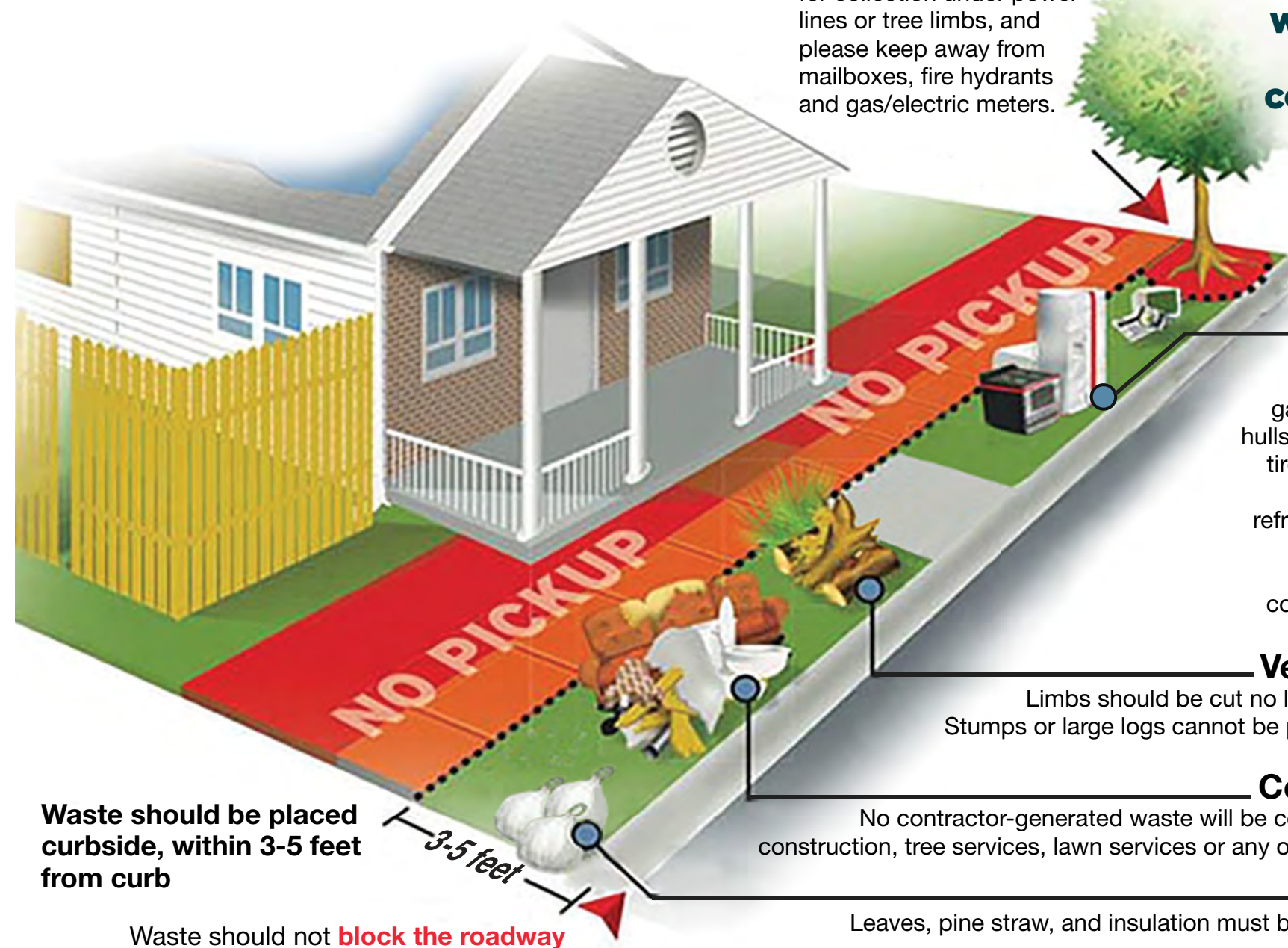
Etc.: Rinse all aluminum, glass and plastic recyclables before placing them in your cart. It is not necessary to remove labels from metal, glass, plastic jugs, cans and/or jars. Recyclables should be put loosely in your HCUA provided cart. Do not bag them.

### What about hazardous materials?

Monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection is by appointment only. Call 228-896-0207.

Accepted: latex or oil-based paint, used cooking or automotive oil, antifreeze, car or marine batteries, aerosol cans, flammable liquids (like gasoline), white goods such as refrigerators and freezers, fluorescent light bulbs, computers, cell phones, telephones, televisions, and tires (up to 25 per household).

## SOLID WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINE



Do not place piles or items for collection under power lines or tree limbs, and please keep away from mailboxes, fire hydrants and gas/electric meters.

**ALL SOLID WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED ON SAME DAY AS WEEKLY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS.**

### Misc. Waste

Will not pick up any unbagged household garbage, crawfish/shrimp hulls, concrete, asphalt, dirt, tires, batteries, household hazardous waste or refrigerators with Freon still inside. Freon must be removed by a licensed contractor and tag placed

### Vegetative Debris

Limbs should be cut no longer than 8ft in length. Stumps or large logs cannot be picked up for collection.

### Contractor Waste

No contractor-generated waste will be collected, which includes construction, tree services, lawn services or any other contracted service.

### Bagged Waste

Leaves, pine straw, and insulation must be bagged for collection.

Waste should be placed curbside, within 3-5 feet from curb

Waste should not block the roadway



(228) 701-9086



**AUTHORIZED CART** - Household garbage will only be collected from your authorized Waste Management cart. Trash or garbage from other unauthorized carts will not be collected. To purchase a second cart for \$30.72/year, please call **Waste Management** at **228-701-9086** (Option 1).

**RELOCATING WASTE** - Do not take the trash from your home to another house, street or any other location besides your own for collection.