

Citizens of Madison Alabama

This leaflet explains HOW YOU, CAN HELP US, HELP YOU in disposing of solid waste which accumulates each year in Madison. Our goal is to collect and dispose of this waste as efficiently as possible and at a minimum cost to you, the taxpayer. Therefore it should be noted that the information in this brochure pertains to those items which are not recycled but are collected by the Public Works Department for disposal. The following regulations are designed to provide you with more efficient service.

Collection Practices

We will pick up 5 cubic yards per household once a week. (The amount is about the size of a pickup truck's bed) If you put out more than 5 cubic yards, you will not be fined but we will leave you this green brochure notifying you of excessive amount. We will come back the next week and pick up 5 cubic yards.

You may find out your pick up schedule by calling our office or visiting our website at www.madisonal.gov.

Please do not compile your items with your neighbors' unless given permission from Public Works. Our employees will only pick up the 5 cubic yards and will not know that you combined items with your neighbor.

Do not place yard waste, refrigerators, etc, beneath or next to power/cable lines, low hanging branches, mailboxes, traffic signs, or on top of sewer drains.

YARD DEBRIS:

All waste must be placed at the curbside or along the edge of the roadway by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Due to the increase in the amount of

trash being placed out for collection during peak times, collections may be delayed.

All waste must be placed out for collection in such a manner not to obstruct the flow of surface water or be an obstruction to traffic or pedestrians.

TREE LIMBS: Limbs must be cut in lengths not exceeding 8 feet long with long protruding branches trimmed and placed in a neat pile.

LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, SHRUBBERY CLIPPINGS, ETC: Leaves, grass clippings, shrubbery clippings, brush, etc. must be placed in plastic bags. Our trucks pick items up with a claw and all small yard waste must be bagged. **NOTE: If commercial workman or professional lawn services are used, they should dispose of the waste they generate and they CANNOT put this out for city collection.**

APPLIANCES: Washers, Refrigerators, etc. Refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc. must be placed out for collection for pick up at curb side on our trash day. **It is unlawful to place out for collection any freezer, refrigerator, or other container of any kind that is large enough to enclose a human being that has a snap lock or other similar device.** These items must first have snap locks, locking devices or doors removed and/or provide a device that will allow doors to be operated from the inside.

CARDBOARD BOXES: All cardboard boxes must be flattened and broken down. They must be completely emptied and cannot contain any packing paper, styrofoam or plastic. The packing materials must be placed in your green garbage bin.

LARGE GLASS ITEMS: The Public Works Department will pick up glass items if they are large. (for example, a large glass

door, glass mirror, glass window, etc.) **If you wish to put out a glass item please call and make arrangements for a pickup.** NOTE: In addition to large glass items we will also pick up long fluorescent light bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS: Metal, Wood, Plastic, etc: In addition to tree limbs, cardboard boxes, etc there are several other items we will pick up. For example, couches, table and chairs, mattresses, large children toys, etc. are all acceptable. **If you are unsure about an item please give us a call and we will help you determine if it can be picked up by the City of Madison.**

WE ARE NOT ALLOWED to pick up PAINT, OIL, BATTERIES, GAS AND GAS TANKS (or anything considered to be hazardous materials) TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MICROWAVES, TIRES, CLOTHES OR BLANKETS, PAPER, PERISHABLES (such as food), GLASS BOTTLES OR JARS, AND ANY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. (if you hired a contractor they are responsible for their own trash disposal).

Extra Tips:

If you have a basketball goal to dispose of, it must be cut in two pieces and broken down as much as possible.

If your pickup day falls on a major holiday, it will be picked up on the following week on your scheduled day.

Do not place any item, other than a trash item, on top of your curbside trash or it will be taken by the claw of the truck or avoided all together. (If you place items in a garbage can we cannot empty the can and give it back to you; it will become trash also.)

HOLIDAYS:

The following holidays are official holidays observed by the City of Madison:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Collection schedule changes, due to the holidays (which may also include the day before or after the scheduled holiday) and will be publicized on the city website and on the Government TV Channel 42 prior to the holiday. Please watch for these announcements.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Public Works Department
400 Celtic Dr.
Madison, AL 35758
256-772-0000

Miscellaneous Services

Household Garbage:

Madison City within Madison County
256-532-3718
Madison City within Limestone County
256-232-3594

Recycling:

S.W.D.A. 256-532-1513

Water and Wastewater:

Madison Utilities 256-772-0253

Electrical Services:

Madison City within Madison County
256-535-1200
Madison City within Limestone County
256-232-1440

Gas Services:

North Alabama Gas 256-772-0227

Huntsville Landfill: 256-881-8700

Hazardous Materials: 256-882-0155

Animal Control: 256-772-5694

THE CITY OF MADISON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION