

## Citizens of Madison, Alabama

The disposal of trash, which consists of yard debris and large items, is currently contracted out to

**Republic Services** by the city. The 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 **Republic Services (RS)** for disposal. The following regulations are designed to provide you with more efficient service.

## Collection Practices

**RS will pick up 5 cubic yards per household once a week (This 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 RS will leave you this brochure notifying you of the excessive amount and they will come back the next week and pick up another 5 cubic yards.**

You may find out your pickup schedule by calling Republic Services or visiting the City of Madison website at [www.madisonal.gov](http://www.madisonal.gov).

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

**Do not place items for collection 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. During peak collection times, due to the increase in the amount of trash being placed out, 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 protruding branches trimmed and placed in a neat pile.

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

### APPLIANCES (Washers, refrigerators, etc.):

Refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc. may be placed out for collection at curb side on trash day. **It is unlawful to place out for collection any freezer or 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. If the item being disposed of used Freon, it must be drained and the compressor removed prior to disposal.

### 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:

Republic Services will pick up large glass items (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, long fluorescent light bulbs will also be picked up.

### MISCELLANEOUS (Metal, wood, plastic, etc):

There are several other items RS will pick up. For example, couches, table and chairs, mattresses, large children's toys, etc. are all acceptable. **If you are unsure about an item, please give RS a call and they will help you determine if it can be picked up by them.**

**RS IS NOT ALLOWED to pick up PAINT, OIL, BATTERIES, GAS AND GAS TANKS, TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MICROWAVES, TIRES (or anything else considered to be hazardous materials), CLOTHES OR BLANKETS, PAPER, PERISHABLES (such as food), GLASS BOTTLES OR JARS, or 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.

Do not place anything 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, it cannot be emptied, the can and give it back to you; it will become trash also.

## **HOLIDAYS:**

The following holidays are official holidays observed by the city:

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King's Birthday  
Presidents' Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

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

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

City of Madison-Public Works  
256-772-8490

## **Miscellaneous Services**

**Household Garbage:**  
Madison County 256-532-3718

**Recycling:**  
Recycling Alliance of North Alabama  
256-801-2278

**Water and Wastewater:**  
Madison Utilities 256-772-0253

**Electrical Services:**  
Madison City within Madison County  
Huntsville Utilities 256-535-1200  
Madison City within Limestone County  
Athens Utilities 256-232-1440

**Gas Services:**  
North Alabama Gas 256-772-0227

**Solid Waste Disposal Authority (hazardous materials/Huntsville Landfill)**  
256-880-6054

**Animal Control:**  
256-772-5694

# **CITY OF MADISON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



# **TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION**