



# City of Tampa

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## City of Tampa Prohibited Waste Letter

Dear Commercial Solid Waste Customer:

The following is a list of wastes that are **Not Acceptable** for disposal in commercial solid waste collection cans, bags and containers within the City of Tampa and are designated as prohibited wastes in section 26-147 of the City Code. **Violators of the City Code may face penalties, including fines of up to \$1,000.**

1. **Hazardous Wastes** as listed in federal, state, and local regulations. In addition, a substance may be hazardous if it is:
  - a. Ignitable and Flammable - substances with a flashpoint of less than 140° F.
  - b. Corrosive - acids with a pH value of less than or equal to 2 and bases with a pH value greater than or equal to 12.5.
  - c. Reactive - unstable, reacting violently with water or other substances which may form explosive mixtures or toxic gases.
  - d. Toxic - exhibit concentrations of listed toxic substances through the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test.
2. Wastes such as *fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, thermometers, televisions, computer monitors, mercury oxide, lead acid or nickel cadmium (NiCad) batteries* that contain concentrations of **Heavy Metals**.
3. Wastes containing **Asbestos**.
4. Wastes containing **Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's)**.
5. **Radioactive** materials.
6. **Biohazardous** or **Biomedical** (infectious/red bag) wastes, including all types of needles, syringes, blades, or sharps.
7. **Chlorine**.
8. **Liquid Wastes** including, but not limited to, paints, solvents, and fuels.
9. **Sludge**, including, but not limited to, septic tank, grease trap and industrial sludge.

10. **Crankcase Oil.**

11. **Explosives and Ammunition.**

12. **Pressurized Gas Cylinders** that are larger than one (1) gallon in size, such as welding cylinders, Freon tanks and propane tanks (unless cylinder valves are removed).

13. **Metal Drums** or containers that are twenty (20) gallons or greater (unless at least one end has been removed and the drum is flattened).

14. **Vehicular Gas Tanks** (unless the tank is empty and flattened).

15. **Dead Animals** or animal wastes from slaughterhouses or seafood processors.

16. Wood treated with **Creosote** such as railroad ties or telephone poles.

17. Any waste deemed by the City as having the possibility of posing a threat to the environment, health or safety of citizens, employees, or contractors, or causing damage to the City's or contractor's equipment.

**Please Note:**

- Hazardous materials should **NEVER** be discharged into the sanitary sewer system, stormwater sewer system or onto the ground.
- **Fluorescent Bulbs** are not permitted in dumpsters or collection containers. Bulbs should be properly stored and picked up for recycling by a **Fluorescent Bulb Recycler** or **Transporter**.
- **Used Oil Filters** must be completely drained prior to disposing in dumpsters or collection containers.
- **Oily Wastes** may not be disposed of in dumpsters if they are dripping or overly saturated.
- Surveys and random inspections are conducted to assure that all commercially generated wastes are disposed of properly. Proof of proper disposal methods may occasionally be requested.
- If prohibited wastes are observed or detected in collection cans, bags, or containers, or at any time during the collection process, the responsible commercial solid waste customer will be required to immediately remove and properly dispose of the waste at their expense.
- Please contact the **Office of Environmental Coordination** at **348-1157** if you have any questions about the proper disposal of your wastes or to report violations.

Respectfully,

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