

City Ordinances

Title 7

Health And Safety

Chapter 7.16

Solid Waste, Litter And Weeds

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.16.041 Mandatory yard and leaf waste composting.

A. There is hereby established a program for the mandatory separation of certain compostable leaf and yard waste material from garbage or rubbish by the residents of the City of Springfield and the collection of these compostable leaf and yard waste materials at the residents' curbside. The collection of separated compostable leaf and yard waste material shall be made periodically under the supervision of the Director of Public Works.

B. For the purposes of this ordinance the following definitions apply:

1. Leaves - deciduous and coniferous seasonal deposition.

2. Yard waste - grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, garden waste, and twigs and brush not longer than two (2) feet in length and one-half (1/2) inch in diameter.

3. Paper leaf bag - a paper leaf bag shall be a Sanitary Kraft Paper Sack or equal of thirty (30) gallon capacity, two (2) ply, fifty (50) pound wet strength with decomposing glue and reinforced self-supporting square bottom closure.

4. Leaf and yard waste collection season - the autumn leaf season beginning the first full week of October and ending the second full week of December.

C. Separation of compostable leaf and yard waste material and placement for removal. During the leaf and yard waste collection season residents shall place their leaf and yard waste material into paper leaf bags as defined in section 7.16.041(B) or barrels. These paper bags or barrels shall be placed on the curbside or tree belt in accordance with section 7.16.060 on the special leaf and yard waste collection days specified by the Department of Public Works and advertised in the Springfield daily newspapers.

No material other than that specified in section 7.16.041(B) shall be placed in these paper bags or barrels.

Compostable leaf and yard waste material shall not be placed in plastic trash bags during the leaf and yard waste collection season. Leaves and yard waste shall not be placed in the same refuse container as or otherwise mixed with other forms of solid waste for collection, removal, or disposal during leaf and yard waste collection season. Any violation of this section or any part thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty (\$50) dollars.

When the owner has failed to comply with the requirements of this ordinance, the Director of the Department of Public Works in his discretion, may refuse to collect the leaf and yard waste material and all garbage, or paper, ashes, or rubbish of the owner until the next regular pick-up, and the owner shall remove from the curb such garbage, leaf and yard waste material, and all other paper, ashes, and rubbish.

D. Ownership of compostable leaf and yard waste materials. Upon placement of compostable leaf and yard waste material for collection by the City at the curbside or tree belt in accordance with the special collection day, pursuant to this ordinance, such materials shall become the property of the City. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person, other than authorized agents of the City acting in the course of their employment, to collect or pick-up or cause to be collected or picked up any compostable leaf and

yard waste material so placed. Each and every collection or pick-up in violation hereof from one or more locations shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

The compostable leaf and yard waste material collected by the City shall be transported to and composted at a designated leaf and yard composting site. Any violation of this paragraph D or any part thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

E. All ordinances, resolutions, regulations or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

F. This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, or clause is adjusted invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

G. This ordinance shall take effect for the leaf and yard waste collection season commencing in 1988.
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