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**Press Release**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CITY TO ENFORCE COLLECTION ORDINANCE – EXPAND WHITE GOODS PROGRAM.**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr, is reminding all residents that bulk household items, specifically items over fifty (50) pounds, and items that cannot fit into an acceptable container will no longer be picked up with the city's regular waste removal service. Bulk material, as defined under city's Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste Ordinance are considered White Goods.

City's Ordinance Article III, Division 1, Section 16-51 (b)(8):

“White Goods. Includes items such as, but not limited to, washing machines, clothes dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, large household or office furniture and commercial equipment.”

Starting immediately, residents disposing of any White Goods/ bulk material will be required to purchase a sticker in the Collectors Office of City Hall. White Goods will then be picked up according to the white goods schedule.

Examples of items considered White Goods include but are not limited to:

Furniture: Desks, chairs, tables, nighstands bureaus, sofas, couches  
Mattresses: Both Mattress, Box Spring and other bed related furniture

Recently, the Mayor has expressed concern over the practice of picking up large items given city ordinances do not allow bulk material, furniture, and household items to be picked up by the city. “We have ordinances enacted in 2004 that define what is acceptable material and what is not,” stated Mayor DeMaria, “we need to enforce our

current ordinances, stop regular pickup of bulk items, and decrease what the city is spending on trash removal.”

Las month, the city was notified of increased charges for excessive tonnage due to the collection of bulk household items. Having to recently seek a transfer of funds from the City Council, to cover such costs, the Mayor immediately issued the directive to City Services to stop the regular pickup of bulk items, and directed Code Enforcement to monitor the streets for improper disposal.

Residents are reminded not to put bulk materials on the street without a sticker. Code Enforcement officials will be monitoring the trash routes and issuing violations to homeowners who do not comply.

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### **Acceptable Trash**

Waste: animal, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetable matter produced or resulting from the use or storage of food

Rubbish (domestic, solid, combustible or incombustible waste)

### **Things that should be picked up**

Small throw rugs  
Wooden chairs cut up into pieces  
Small tables (smaller than end table or night stand)  
Drawers  
Small children’s furniture (not bedroom)  
Coat rack  
Small ottoman

## **Unacceptable Trash - Need a white goods sticker**

Includes, but not limited to:

Mattresses

Box springs

Beds

Bedroom furniture (dressers, armoires, nightstands)

Large tables (kitchen, dining room, coffee, end, office, TV stands)

Office furniture (desks, chairs, bookcases, filing cabinets)

Dining room furniture (hutches, servers, china cabinet, etc)

Benches

Yard furniture

Living room furniture (couches, love seats, recliners, chairs and ottomans)

Entertainment centers, wall unit

Large rugs and carpets

Shelving

Fireplace

Curio cabinet

Futons

Vanity

Grandfather clock

Other items of similar size

Other appliances and household goods that have always required white good sticker

## **Unacceptable trash**

**Won't be picked up even with a sticker**

**Construction**

**Wood**

**Animal remains**

**Car parts**

**Industrial waste**

**Tree waste**

**Hazardous materials**