CITY OF PORT NECHES

Post Office Box 758 · Port Neches, Texas 77651

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Dear Citizen:

The Texas Legislature has passed laws and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued regulations, both of which pertain to control of landfills. The City of Port Neches wishes to make you aware of the types of trash we may pick up and the method which must be used to collect it.

WASTE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

The City picks up:

(1) HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & TRASH (bagged trash, bagged leaves and clippings, rags, boxes, appliances with doors removed, etc.)

Picked up twice a week on Monday and Thursday OR Tuesday and Friday, depending on the section of town in which you live. **Leaves, clippings and other materials are not to be placed in ditches or storm water drains which could block drainage and cause flooding. All loose materials shall be boxed or bagged. Should a container be utilized to protect bags, the depth of the container shall not interfere with the collections ability to reach inside the container to remove the bags. Any loose trash will be left in container. The container shall not exceed 45 pounds.**

(2) GREENWASTE (limbs, shrubbery trimmings) **DO NOT MIX PILES**

Picked up once a week on Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the section of town in which you live. If *you* trim or cut down a tree or shrubbery, the City will pick it up if it is cut into lengths not exceeding four feet and stacked lengthwise. Tree trunks are to be stacked beside the tree limbs in front of the resident's property. Limbs and tree trunks are not to be placed in ditches, alleys or on streets. If a contractor is hired to trim or cut down a tree, the contractor will be responsible for disposal. City ordinances require that all tree trimmers be bonded with the City. Additionally, tree trimmers are required to obtain a permit prior to cutting or removing a tree; there is no fee for this permit. Do not place large piles under or near electric, telephone or cable television wires, parked cars or low hanging limbs. This presents a dangerous situation for City employees and the trash will not be collected until it has been moved to a safer location.

All household garbage, trash and green waste must be out for pickup by 7:30 a.m. Seasonal weather variations or heavy volumes may cause route delays.

In order for a citizen to use the Republic Landfill, the following must be taken to the landfill: a current water bill stub and driver's license, both showing your Port Neches address. The Republic Landfill is west on Highway 365, right on LaBelle Road, and landfill entrance is approximately 5 miles down LaBelle Road.

Landfill hours:	6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Saturday)
Telephone No:	842-5091

RED TAGS

In the event your garbage, trash or green waste is not properly placed, or does not follow the City Policy, a red tag will be placed on the item(s) and this material ***will not*** be collected until the policy has been followed.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Whenever a City holiday occurs on your scheduled pickup day, the pickup will occur on your next regular scheduled pickup day.

If you have questions, please contact the Sanitation Department at 719-4280 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY THE CITY OF PORT NECHES

- **ANTI-FREEZE, SOLVENTS AND PESTICIDES**
  Citizens must make their own arrangements for disposal. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission offers a "Household Hazard" waste collection each year. You can check their web page, www.setrpc.org, for detail information.

- **ASBESTOS OR ASBESTOS SIDING**
  Contact Republic Landfill (842-5091) for disposal instructions.

- **BATTERIES (AUTOMOTIVE)**
  May be taken to a business which sells batteries or call Commercial Metals (842-3316).

- **CONCRETE (BROKEN) OR CONCRETE PRODUCTS**
  Heavy accumulations must be disposed of by the citizen. Contact Republic Landfill (842-5091) or Waste Management (951-2912)

- **GLASS, BROKEN GLASS OR ANY OBJECT HAVING SHARP EDGES**
  If object is suitably wrapped or protected so as to prevent cutting, breaking or rupturing the container in which it is placed or causing injury to workers, the City will pick up.

- **HAZARDOUS WASTE**
  Contact place where product was purchased for disposal information.

- **HYPODERMIC NEEDLES**
  If points are removed with a device that breaks and stores the point, and syringes are capped and placed in a plastic container (such as milk and detergent containers), the City will pick up.

- **OIL & OIL FILTERS**
  May be taken to participating automotive repair stores for disposal if from individuals and in a reasonable quantity.

- **PAINT OR PAINT CANS**
  If paint cans are *dry* and *without* lids, the City will pick up.

- **SCRAP IRON**
  Citizens must make their own arrangement for disposal. Contact Republic Landfill (842-5091) or Commercial Metals (842-3316).

- **STORAGE DRUMS**
  Citizens must make their own arrangements for disposal.

- **TIRES**
  May be taken to tire stores.

- **FUEL TANKS (SUCH AS GASOLINE, PROPANE, ETC.)**

- **FIREON TANKS**

- **EXPLOXIVE MATERIAL (SUCH AS FIREWORKS, GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION, ETC.)**

- **DEMOLITION/ BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BURNED DEBRIS, OR LAND CLEARING DEBRIS.**