



**Town of Fairfield**  
Solid Waste & Recycling Department

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Due to recent comments and questions from residents, I am clarifying our current regulations concerning trash collection.

Backyard trash collection has been a Town regulation for over 50 years. "Backyard" is defined as follows in the Town of Fairfield Solid Waste and Recycling Regulations:

*(1.1) "Backyard" means a convenient location on the Owner's premises, near the dwelling, easily accessible from the street, and not less than ten (10) feet from a sidewalk, street, or curb line.*

In recent years some haulers have switched to curbside trash collection to take advantage of new equipment and automation processes. Due to recent complaints we are reminding haulers and residents of the regulations regarding the placement and collection of trash. The regulations state the following:

*(8.1.3) The Person(s) occupying a Residential Property with less than four (4) Dwelling Units shall store Garbage and Rubbish in covered Refuse Containers of not over thirty-four (34) gallon capacity, the weight of which when filled, shall not exceed sixty (60) pounds. The Refuse Containers shall be placed in the Backyard for pickup by the Collector. Refuse Containers shall not be placed at Curbside. Any Person that places or requests the placement of a Refuse Container at Curbside shall be reported to the Town Police Department. See Chapter 9 - Enforcement.*

Under the regulations, curbside collection is allowed for **residential recycling only**.

Solid waste disposal and recycling in Fairfield are regulated by the [Solid Waste and Recycling Commission](#), a town commission whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the RTM. A copy of the regulations can be found at [www.fairfieldct.org/solidwaste](http://www.fairfieldct.org/solidwaste). Any questions or comments regarding these regulations can be sent to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission through me at 203-256-3023 or [mzembruski@fairfieldct.org](mailto:mzembruski@fairfieldct.org).

Thank you,  
*Michael J. Zembruski*