

Proposed Department Rule Amendments for Residential Collections

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What are administrative rules?

Administrative Rules assist a Department of the City of Austin in the implementation, administration, and enforcement of City of Austin Code and operating requirements of the Department.

Austin Code [§ 15-6-3\(B\)](#) requires ARR to present proposed rule changes to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission for consideration and recommendation to City Council. City Council will approve, modify or disapprove of the proposed rule.”

Department Administrative Rules are online at: library.municode.com/TX/Austin



Austin Resource Recovery Rule Amendment Process



Current Identified Department Rule Amendments

Residential Services Rule Revisions

- ✓ 1. Single Family Residential Collection Services (4.1 & New Section 4.2) – clarify rules related single family residences [adopted by City Council, November 2024]
- ➡ 2. Placement of Carts for Collection (6.1) – amend set out times to align with department practices and other changes related to collection of carts.
- 3. Extra trash (6.3), Drop Off Services (5.8), Trash, Recycling, Organics, Bulk, Brush, HHW Collection Guidelines (7.1, 7.3, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9) – amend rules to reflect department practices and on-demand services
- 4. Small Multi-family Residential Collection Services (New section, 4.3) – new section to clarify rules related to residences with 2-4 dwelling units.
- 5. Commercial Collection Services (Existing 4.2, to be moved to 4.4) – clarify services provided to commercial customers.

Proposed Rule Amendment for Residential Collection Services

- 6.0 Placement for collection, maintenance of carts, and additional fees.
 - 6.1 Placement of Carts for Collection
 - 6.1.1 Cart set out time modified to align with current operations (5:30 a.m.)
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 - 6.1.3 Aligned cart spacing with existing outreach and added placement (no bike paths and side walks)
 - 6.1.5 Excess trash, recycling, yard trimming, and small branch set out language clarified to align with current operations and outreach.
 - 6.1.7 Clarifying language that customers may be back-billed if an audit identifies discrepancies.
 - 6.1.9 Defines return trip fees as when a vehicle returns to a premises by request of a customer.
 - 6.1.10 Defines when return trip fees will be assessed. Late set out, contamination, or out of cycle collection.

