



City of Houston  
**Solid Waste Management Department**  
**Neighborhood Depository & Recycling Centers**  
**Standard Operating Rules and Regulations**



The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) operates six (6) Neighborhood Depositories and Recycling Centers to provide Houston residents a convenient opportunity to dispose of junk, tree and recyclable materials.

City of Houston residents may use the facilities up to four (4) times per month. Contractors and other businesses are prohibited from using the facilities. Addresses for all locations can be found at the end of this document.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**Tuesday - Sunday**  
**9am - 7pm**  
**Closed on Monday**

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

**JUNK OR TREE WASTE - Please Bring**

**Photo Identification:** A current state of Texas issued identification card, such as Texas Driver’s license; Texas Department of Public Safety issued I.D. card; or Texas License to Carry;

**AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**

**Utility Bill:** A utility bill, power, water or gas, from the current month or previous two (2) months. The address on the utility bill must match the address on the state issued identification. Electronic bills are accepted.

**Lease Agreement:** If no utility bill is available, you may bring a copy of your current lease or rental agreement for a City of Houston address. The address on the lease or rental agreement must match the address on the state issued identification.\*

*\*For RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS whose primary residence is outside the state of Texas, who do not have a Texas ID, a current property tax bill must be shown; the names on the photo identification and tax bill must match.*

*\*For out-of-state STUDENTS at Houston universities, a current student I.D. may be used in place of a utility bill.*

**RECYCLING - Please Bring**

**Photo Identification:** A current state of Texas issued identification card, such as Texas Driver’s license; Texas Department of Public Safety issued I.D. card; or Texas License to Carry;

**VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS**

Vehicles larger than two (2) tons are not accepted. Trailers with inner compartment areas exceeding sixteen (16) feet are not permitted to use the facilities. Sideboards or railing extensions exceeding four (4) feet in height are also not permitted.

Hydraulic trailers are accepted onsite, however, for safety reasons are not allowed to be lifted while dumping debris.

Only small and medium (up to 15 ft.) size U-Haul type vehicles are accepted.

No propane trucks allowed.

**UNLOADING PROCEDURES**

Unloading of vehicles is the resident’s responsibility. Unloading should take no more than 20 minutes. If dumping the debris takes longer than 20 minutes, the attendant can stop the dumping and allow the resident to get back in line. Residents should be aware there can be up to a two (2) hour wait before dumping. Materials being discarded must be sorted into designated containers by the resident during unloading.



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**SITE RULES**

- Children under the age of 16 are not allowed on the loading ramps and must remain inside the vehicle at all times.
- Residents must remain with their vehicle and wait until directed by City staff to approach the unloading ramp. Speed limit onsite is 5 MPH.
- No loitering allowed in and around the facility by anyone at anytime.
- Alcoholic beverages or other intoxicating substances are strictly prohibited on City of Houston property. Violators will be reported to the Houston Police Department (HPD).
- Inappropriate language and profanity is prohibited at the Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center facilities.
- Salvaging or scavenging of collected materials is not permitted per city ordinance.
- Only one vehicle is allowed to dump per address.
- No pets of any size or type are allowed on site, even if they remain in the vehicle.
- Neighborhood Depository & Recycling Center employees may not solicit or accept tips.

**LOCATIONS**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Tuesday - Sunday from 9am - 7pm**

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| ▪ <b>NORTH</b><br>9003 N. Main<br>Houston, TX 77022          | ▪ <b>SOUTH</b><br>5100 Sunbeam<br>Houston, TX 77033            |
| ▪ <b>NORTHWEST</b><br>14400 Sommermeyer<br>Houston, TX 77041 | ▪ <b>SOUTHWEST</b><br>10785 SW Freeway<br>Houston, TX 77074    |
| ▪ <b>NORTHEAST</b><br>5565 Kirkpatrick<br>Houston, TX 77028  | ▪ <b>SOUTHEAST</b><br>2240 Central Street<br>Houston, TX 77017 |

**YES! Acceptable Items**

- Concrete
- Mattresses
- Tree Waste
- Junk Waste
- Furniture
- Refrigerators (Must be **TAGGED** by an HVAC professional indicating the **FREON HAS BEEN REMOVED**)
- Household appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers)
- Five (5) passenger tires per household, per visit, total of ten (10) per month  
*Note per City of Houston Code of Ordinances, Chapter 39, Article VIII: individuals hauling six or more tires within city limits are required to obtain a tire transporter permit.*
- Used Motor Oil
- Wood fencing must be broken down  
*All loose materials, such as shingles and drywall/ sheetrock, must be placed in a container or bag.*

**NO! Non-Acceptable Items**

- Garbage
- Dead Animals
- Rocks, Dirt (inert Materials) and bricks
- TVs and other electronics
- Truck or Industrial tires
- Paint and other household hazardous waste such as household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides
- Infectious Waste
- Gasoline and other flammable materials/liquids
- Acid Waste
- Hazardous or Toxic waste
- Explosives
- Ashes or charcoal
- LIQUIDS and other materials defined by the E.P.A. As hazardous
- Burned wood
- Pallets