

Solid Waste Collection

Rules & Compliance Issues

CONTAINER REMOVAL FROM PUBLIC STREETS

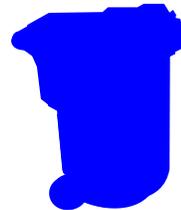
Chowchilla Municipal Code 8.04.020 requires:

- The container shall be placed next to the curb **by 6:00 a.m.** on the scheduled day of collection. Where curb and gutter has been constructed, place your container at the edge of the street on the scheduled day of collection.
- The container **must** be removed from the street by midnight on the day of collection.
- The container **must** be stored behind the front yard. Generally, setting the container behind any portion of the house or garage closest to the street is acceptable.
- **Continued violation will result in additional penalties.**

CONTAMINATION OF GREEN WASTE

Chowchilla Municipal Code 8.04.020 prohibits the contamination of green waste:

- Green waste is defined as organic yard waste such as lawn trimmings, brush, leaves, and tree trimmings (cut to size). Larger tree trimmings will be accepted if they have been cut not to exceed 4 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. Palm tree and bamboo trimmings are accepted if they are cut one foot in length (palm leaves not to exceed one square foot).
- Trash is NOT acceptable in the green waste container. Trash includes paper, paper boxes, plastic bags (even if containing green waste), plastic containers, metal or glass containers, ceramics, tires, metal articles, paints or other hazardous materials including batteries, large volumes of concrete, dirt, or rocks. These items cause green waste to be classified as contaminated. Recyclables are also NOT acceptable in the green waste container.
- Beyond the requirements of the law, contamination of green waste costs the City substantial additional charges at the landfill to clean the green waste. The City of Chowchilla is attempting to keep utility costs down and cannot afford the cost of cleaning green waste - utility revenues are not sufficient. City Ordinance 8.04.020 allows for direct charges to customers who contaminate green waste. The City is encouraging you to take the time and keep the green waste free of trash.
- **Continued violation will result in additional penalties.**



| GREEN can – Green Waste | | BLACK can - Garbage | | BLUE can – Recyclables | |
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| OK | NOT | OK | NOT | OK | NOT |
| Leaves, Branches Yard Clippings Wood, cut as needed Christmas trees Grass clippings | Plastic Bags Treated Wood Recyclables Garbage, Dirt, Sod Rocks, Concrete | Food, Styrofoam Diapers, Toys Clothing, Furniture Animal Waste Plastic Pools | Computers Monitors TVs, Tires Hazardous Materials Rocks, Concrete | Paper Aluminum Cans Cardboard Glass Plastic | Trash, Diapers Yard Clippings Tires, Batteries, Oil Hazardous Materials Rocks, Concrete |

For more specific requirements, call 559-665-3099.