

CITY OF YONKERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ALTERNATIVE REFUSE COLLECTION (ARC) PROGRAM

Summary of General Ordinance 7-2022 Regulations

On June 14, 2022 the Yonkers City Council passed General Ordinance 7-2022, amending §91-16 of the Code of the City of Yonkers and requiring all commercial entities to place their refuse in containers made of heavy-duty plastic and having an attached non-removable lid that will prevent access by animals.

Regulations established by the Department of Public Works further state that containers picked up by the City may not hold more than 50 gallons/50 pounds of materials and must not be filled to excess in so much that the top cannot securely close. Roll-off containers (10 to 40 yards) and 3 yard rear loading containers equipped with covers are permitted in lieu of plastic containers. Regulations also define commercial establishments to include any and all businesses, including those conducting light industrial, industrial, and manufacturing activity, as well as not-for-profit organizations; clinics; hospitals; and multiple dwelling apartment buildings (with more than 6 dwelling units) including rentals, condominiums, cooperatives and public housing.

These requirements and regulations also apply to properties utilizing private carting services.

Guidelines for Approval of Alternative Refuse Collection (ARC)

In addition to establishing regulations for administering refuse collection in accordance with General Ordinance 7-2022, the Department of Public Works has developed an Alternative Refuse Collection (ARC) program to provide for the collection of solid waste for properties deemed by the City to contain physical building or property conditions that are prohibitive to compliance with the required use of containers (as specified under GO 7-2022 regulations). The program aims to minimize the period of time that non-containerized refuse is left for curbside collection. The following conditions must be present at a property to be eligible for ARC:

1) Active use of a commercial garbage compactor for waste management

The Department of Public Works provides for the collection of solid waste at properties that use garbage compactors to manage residential waste. Compacted waste helps reduce odors and protect against rodent intrusion. Compactors produce dense, heavy bags of trash that may not be suitable for container storage and collection by sanitation personnel.

2) Insufficient refuse container storage and collection space

In addition to the use of a commercial garbage compactor, property owners seeking approval for ARC must demonstrate:

- Insufficient interior building storage space for refuse containers;
- Insufficient exterior building storage space for refuse containers; or
- Insufficient curbside collection space for refuse containers.

Property owners seeking to have their building(s) included in the ARC program must submit a written request to the City of Yonkers Department of Public Works citing the existing building and/or property conditions preventing compliance with General Ordinance 7-2022 and including sufficient supporting documentation. The Department of Public Works may require additional documentation and/or conduct an on-site inspection of the property.

Properties approved for ARC will be placed on a special late-morning garbage collection route and will only be permitted to place refuse curbside between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00am on scheduled garbage/recycling pick-up days to be determined by the Department. Failure to comply with ARC regulations may result in immediate removal from the program.

To submit a request, please complete the application below:

https://yonkers.seamlessdocs.com/f/ARC_Application