

Update: Fountain Inn's Sanitation

Changes Taking Place January 1, 2019



Did You Know?

In 1980, the Fountain Inn City Council passed an ordinance stating that it was too costly for the city to continue to anything other than garbage and yard debris. Almost 40 years later, the burden this places on our General Fund is too great. It is important that our City grow in *the right way*.

Did you know, to hire one Sanitation FTE, the City pays \$ **\$47,308.13** including benefits?

Our City has been left with a difficult task: either enforce the same premise of the 1980 ordinance or hire at least seven additional Sanitation Officers costing the City over \$331,157. After holding several public hearings and speaking with many of you, it seems that having a dedicated sanitation fee is the most economical and sustainable option.

A Sanitation Fee Comparison:

- City of Laurens: \$11 a month
- City of Clinton: \$13 a month
- City of Greenville: \$16 a month
- City of Greer: \$10.08 (but is increasing soon)
- City of Simpsonville: (proposed) \$14 a month

In this sample 2019 tax bill, you can see that your \$13 a month/\$156 a year is listed as the "Fountain Inn PW Fee."

Greenville County Fees account for **well over 78% of your tax bill.**

So, what can you do? There are several local places that you can take your garbage and recyclables at no cost!

- 608 Fairview St. (recycling dropbox)
- 517 Hipps Rd., (waste and recycle in Greenville County)
- 1171 Sullivan Rd. (waste and recycle in Laurens County)

ALLOCATION OF TAX MONEY		
GREENVILLE SCHOOL	58%	3,315.60
FOUNTAIN INN CITY TAX	22%	1,281.45
GREENVILLE COUNTY	16%	874.27
LIBRARY	2%	143.13
GREENVILLE TECH	2%	89.25
ART MUSEUM	%	20.21
ARENA DEBT SERVICE	%	8.42
FOUNTAIN INN PW FEE		\$ 156.00
PUBLIC SAFETY COMM FEE		\$ 14.95
COUNTY STORMWATER FEE		\$ 25.65
TOTAL TAX AND FEES		\$ 5,928.93
LESS CREDITS		\$ -2,438.43
NET TAX AND FEES		\$ 3,490.50



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Important Dates To Remember

Fountain Inn Public Works Department (Sanitation/Recycle) will be closed on the following holidays.
Pick up will resume the following workday.

New Year's Day	January 1	Labor Day	September 2
Martin Luther King Day	January 21	Thanksgiving Day	November 28
Good Friday	April 19	Day after Thanksgiving	November 29
Memorial Day	May 1	Christmas Day	December 25
Independence Day	July 4	Day after Christmas	December 26

Recycle will be picked up on the following days:

January	14 & 28	July	1, 15, 29
February	11 & 25	August	12 & 26
March	11 & 25	September	9 & 23
April	8 & 22	October	7 & 21
May	6 & 20	November	4 & 18
June	3 & 17	December	2, 16, 30

Questions? Please Contact the Fountain Inn Public Works Department at 864-409-3310

1. Service starts at 7:00 a.m. Trash must be bagged. Do not place yard debris, grass clippings or limbs inside your containers.
2. Carts may be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled day of service and shall be removed from the curb no later than 11:59 p.m. on the scheduled day of service.
3. Materials other than solid waste, recyclables and rubbish will not be collected by the city. These items include but are not limited to bulky waste, white goods, construction and demolition debris and/or hazardous waste.
4. If during pick up a cart is determined to contain material other than solid waste or recyclables, the cart will not be emptied by the Public Works Department.
5. The City will collect normal, seasonal collections of rubbish if the work is done by the owner, resident or hired man. Limbs and shrubbery are to be cut in not more than six inches in diameter and six feet in length and placed on a front corner of the sanitation user's property near the street or public alley.
6. Do not place any items in storm drains, ditches or on sidewalks.
7. Leaves and/or grass clippings may be bagged or piled loose.
8. Paint cans must be dry before placing into your trash container. Paint may be poured onto newspaper to dry or place kitty litter into the cans to dry up the paint.
9. Recyclables means plastics # 1, and # 2, paper, aluminum cans (beverage cans), metal cans, cardboard, clean pizza boxes, aseptic packaging.
10. Solid waste materials that the city will pick up are: animal, fruit and vegetable matter and other organic refuse resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, to include cartons, cans, bottles, or other containers associated with food consumption; animal offal and carcasses of less than ten pounds in weight except those slaughtered for human consumption; waste incident to the normal conduct of a household or small business and other trash such as bags, paper boxes and containers, sweepings, dried paint in cans, other accumulation of a similar nature; and broken toys, tools, equipment and utensils; but does not include hazardous waste; bulky waste; white goods; construction and demolition debris; carpet, furniture, appliances, water heaters, freezers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances; scrap metal, copper, and iron; and machinery and equipment.
11. All solid waste and rubbish shall be drained of liquid before deposited for collection.