



## CLEAN-UP POLICY

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The City of Crookston recognizes the importance of maintaining a clean, healthy, and safe community. To assist in this effort, the City of Crookston will have Spring Clean-Up during the last full week in April and Fall Clean-Up during the last full week in October.

Single-family dwelling clean-up items will be picked up only on their regular garbage pickup day and must be placed on the street boulevard by 7:00 AM. Only household quantities of debris will be accepted. Items should be placed on boulevards no more than 24 hours before your collection day.

### Acceptable Items for Collection:

The City of Crookston will collect the following items if separated into designated piles:

- **Bagged items, Clothing, and Cardboard** - Weight limit 30 pounds per bag with each bag no larger than 35 gallons. Up to 10 bags per household will be collected. No loose garbage will be collected.
- **Appliances** - Limit 2 per household.
- **Furniture and Mattresses** - Limit of 3 furniture items and 4 mattresses or 2 mattresses/box spring sets per household.
- **Demolition-Bypass Pile** - Limited to a maximum dimension of 10'L x 4'W x 3'H and may include wood, sheetrock, plaster, toilets, sinks, showers, tubs, cupboards, doors, and carpets cut into 4'x4' or smaller pieces. No materials suspected of containing asbestos, no concrete, and no amounts of demolition debris larger than 10'L x 4'W x 3'H will be accepted.
- **Automotive Tires and Rims** - Limit 4 per household.

Placing these items in separate piles will help speed up the clean-up process. In awareness of clean-up week in Crookston, Polk County Public Health advises residents not to bring furniture, mattresses, box springs, or bed frames found on the street into their homes to prevent the spread of bed bugs.

<http://www.bedbugs.umn.edu/>

### Items NOT Accepted:

- **Biohazardous Waste** – Waste materials that include human pathological wastes, animal excrement, contaminated animal carcasses, blood and body fluids, medical waste and chemotherapeutic waste.
- **Video Display Devices** – TVs, computer monitors, and other video display devices WILL NOT be collected. Residents may dispose of these devices at the Polk County Environmental Services (Transfer Station).
- **Hazardous Materials** – No concrete, batteries, partially full paint cans, chemicals, or asbestos-containing materials.
- **Large Amounts of Demolition Debris** – The demolition-bypass pile is limited in size and scope (see above). Excess debris will be left and must be disposed of privately.

## **Specific Item Guidelines:**

### **Demolition-Bypass (Limited to 10'L x 4'W x 3'H)**

- Wood (**except treated lumber**)
- Sheetrock
- Plaster
- Toilets, sinks, showers, tubs
- Cupboards
- Doors
- Carpet (**must be cut into 4' x 4' or smaller pieces**)
- Household furniture: couches, chairs, tables, etc.
- Mattress/Box Springs
- Small Appliances (toasters, coffee pots, etc.)
- Light Fixtures (**no bulbs or ballasts**)
- Humidifiers
- Water Softeners
- Computer Equipment (**excluding monitors**)

### **Appliances (Limit 2 per household)**

- Washers
- Dryers
- Dehumidifiers
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Microwaves
- Hot Water Heaters
- Electric/Gas Ranges
- Freezers
- Trash Compactors
- Garbage Disposals

### **Metals**

- Steel Siding/Banding
- Motors
- Bicycles
- Duct/Vents

### **Relocation of Items Prohibited**

Residents are prohibited from moving or relocating items from one location to another for the purpose of disposal. Items must be placed for collection at the originating residence only. Violations of this policy may result in penalties or refusal of service.

### **Post Clean-Up Week Debris Enforcement**

Following the conclusion of Spring and Fall Clean-Up Week, City staff will conduct inspections throughout Crookston to identify any debris or refuse left on City right-of-ways or boulevards beyond the designated collection period. Properties found with items still remaining will be documented, and the resident will receive an official notice letter from the City.

This notice will serve as a warning and will provide the resident **seven (7) days** to remove the debris voluntarily. The letter will state the violation under **Crookston City Code of Ordinances, Section 152.159 A – Refuse, Performance Standards**, and list the scheduled date by which the items must be removed.

If the items are removed by the resident prior to the scheduled date, **no fees will be assessed**. However, if the debris remains past the removal deadline, the City will proceed with removal and the property owner will be invoiced. The invoice will include:

- A **\$25 administrative fee**,
- A **landfill/disposal fee** (varies based on material and quantity), and
- A **removal fee** (varies based on required equipment and personnel time).