SUVA CITY COUNCIL

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

A from July 1st 2008 all Green Waste or Garden Refuse collections will be made from within your property and not from the roadside as currently being practiced. Ratepayers and Residents are to refrain from placing Green Waste or Garden Refuse on the roadside for collection, as this will be strictly prohibited.

The Council’s aim is to create a clean, litter free City by the year 2010. The new procedures are as follows;

a) Collection Is Only On The Date As Schedule
   Only green/garden waste refuse would be collected by Council, Contractors or Council workers or any approved person on the day as stipulated in the collection schedules.

(b) Collection Is Only Once A Month From Each Property
   The collection of such green/garden waste would be conducted only ONCE A MONTH from within private properties.

(c) No Collection During The Fifth Week
   No green/garden waste shall be collected from any private properties on the fifth Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of any month.

(d) Request For Collection Outside Schedule Date Be Paid By Owner
   Any request for collection outside the schedule dates would be paid for by the owner or person responsible for generating the waste and the Council shall charge with a reasonable fee for collecting and disposal.

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(e) All green/garden refuse will be collected in bags from inside private properties. Only green/garden waste for collection must be placed within/inside the private properties (NOT on road side) conveniently placed and packed in not more than two bags/sacks of total capacity not more than two (2) cubic meters (two flour bags). Excess refuse/bags would become the owners’ responsibility for removal.

(f) Arrangements for Collection of Other Wastes
Tree trunks, industrial wastes, old stoves, fridges, tyres or household garbage and the like would not be collected from private properties by the Council’s contractors unless special arrangements be made with the Health Department at their costs.

(g) Missed Collection
Owner or residents may contact the Councils’ Health Department immediately the following day if Contractors do not collect their green/garden refuse.

(h) Excess
In line with this existing green/garden waste collection policy, excess green waste not properly contained within the sacks would not be collected since it might cause litter.

(i) Return of Empty Sacks/Bags
Contractor shall return the empty bags/sacks to the owners after discharging the contents into the trucks.

(j) Removal of Any Solid Waste (Garden or Non Garden) Refuse from Any Public Places
Any garden or non-garden refuse found to be deposited in any public places, streets, etc shall be removed forthwith by Council authorized workers and be deposited or placed back into the owner’s properties or into the properties from where the refuse (garden/green waste or non garden) came.

(k) Heavy or Contaminated Bags
The guideline would be that if the resident can easily lift the bag; the worker would also be able to. Any over weight or contaminated bag would be left uncollected with a note through the letter box stating why it was not possible to empty the bags.

(l) Assisted Collection
Residents who were unable to move a loaded bag(s) to the cartilage of their property may apply for assisted collection i.e. collection of the sacks from a convenient and accessible point on the property. Residents may contact the Health Department for assistance.

(m) Difficult Access Properties (Squatters/Lanes Etc)
Those properties with difficult access might not be eligible for this scheme due to operational problems with collection. In particular where restrictions prevent the collection vehicle from accessing the property and the distance to the vehicle is too far for the workers to reasonably carry the sacks/bags. Management would look into such cases and decide jointly as to the best means of disposing their green waste.

(n) Depositing Any Green Waste on Road Side is an Offence Under Litter Decree
Depositing any green waste/refuse or any other solid waste on any public roads, parks or any public place is an offence under the Litter Decree and a spot fine of $40.00 or upon prosecution a minimum not less than $100.00. Fine if you were found to have deposited an abandoned litter in any public place.

For further clarifications on the matter please contact Suva City Council Health Services Department on telephone 3313433, extensions 403, 406 and 499.

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