

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2968

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 261  
OF THE CODE OF  
THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD,  
TITLED "YARD WASTE"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood:

Section 1. Purpose: An Ordinance to establish requirements for the proper handling of yard waste and the provisions of the yard waste collection program in the Village of Ridgewood, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

Section 2. Definitions: For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. Containerized yard waste – shall mean the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, biodegradable paper bag or other such vessel, such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling, blowing out, or releasing into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.
- B. Yard waste – means grass clippings, brush, leaves, and other vegetative debris removed from a property by the occupant or owner, or employee or contractor of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care, tree or shrub care, or landscaping services.
- C. Street – means any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive, or other way, which is an existing State, County, or municipal roadway, and includes the land between the street lines, whether improved or unimproved, and may comprise pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street right-of-way limit lines.
- D. Announced collection date – the scheduled calendar date of pickup of non-containerized yard waste by the Village of Ridgewood in specified sections of the Village. The announced collection date may be modified by weather or environmental conditions, at which time a new date will be announced for specified sections of the Village on the Village's website, cable television

access channel, and through the official publications of the Village of Ridgewood.

Section 3. Prohibited Conduct: The owner or occupant of any property, or employee or contractor of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care, tree or shrub care, or landscaping services, shall not sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place yard waste, unless the yard waste is containerized, in the street. Placement of yard waste in the street that is not containerized is only permitted during the seven (7) calendar days prior to the announced collection date, and at all times shall not be placed closer than 10-feet from any storm drain inlet. Placement of non-containerized yard waste at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

Section 4. Enforcement: This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Village of Ridgewood Police Department, and/or the Director of the Department of Public Works or his/her designated representative.

Section 5. Violations and Penalty: Any property owner (s) found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$50.00 per violation, per individual block and lot location, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Section 6. Severability: Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Mancuso, Ringler Shagin, Wiest and  
Mayor Pfund

NAYS: Councilmember Harlow

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Introduction Date: December 14, 2005

Adoption Date: January 11, 2006

Effective Date: January 31, 2006



David T. Pfund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk