

Nueces County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Information Sheet

Nueces County provides for the collection of household garbage and brush in the rural areas through the use of a private solid waste contractor. Through the competitive bidding process the Nueces County Commissioners Court approved **Absolute Industries** as the curbside solid waste collection service for our county. The Nueces County Solid Waste Order was adopted on November 12, 2002 and became effective February 1, 2003. The Order requires all rural residents to use the curbside solid waste collection service provided by the County.

This Order is pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, section 364.034. As with any change, county residents can expect some initial inconvenience. Routes and schedules will be prepared and modified as necessary to provide the best service. All rural residents will be billed by Absolute Industries the approved collection fee and will be provided curbside garbage and brush collection services.

For any questions, call **Absolute Industries Garbage Collection @ 361-767-4234**.

Below are some frequently asked questions about garbage and trash collection.

Question: Why did the County get a new solid waste collection company?

Answer: State law requires us to take new bids once a contract expires. Absolute Industries Garbage Collection was low bidder.

Question: Where can I haul my solid waste and dump it?

Answer: You must haul solid waste to a sanitary landfill site that is approved by the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality and pay the fees set forth by the landfill operator.

Question: Will Nueces County pick up my garbage or brush?

Answer: No. Nueces County will not pick up any garbage or brush. You are required to remove and properly dispose of all solid waste from your property no less than once a week, and, all brush and yard waste no less than once a month.

Question: Can I burn my garbage or bury it on my own property?

Answer: No. Both are health hazards and violations of the law.

Question: Who can I call when I see illegal dumping?

Answer: You can contact the Nueces County Environmental Enforcement Division @ 361-289-1492 or 361.888.0490.

Remember:

You are responsible for knowing the law concerning solid waste disposal. Illegal dumping, littering and public nuisances are all violations of the law, punishable either as misdemeanors or felonies, depending upon the volume and frequency.