

DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

SCAVENGER AND SALVAGE OPERATION REGULATION



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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to protect the public's health and welfare by regulating scavenger and salvage operations within the limits of Davis County.

2.0 SCOPE

This regulation is applicable with all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Davis County.

3.0 AUTHORITY AND APPLICABLE LAWS

This regulation is adopted under the authority of the Davis County Board of Health in accordance with Title 26-A Chapter 121 of the Utah Code.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **COLLECTION VEHICLE:** Any vehicle used in the commercial collection, transportation, storage or dumping of any waste, sewage, septic tank contents, holding tank contents, blood, bones, offal, used animal or vegetable fat, and also, but not limited to, dead animals.
- 4.2 **DEPARTMENT:** The Davis County Health Department.
- 4.3 **GARBAGE:** All putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, including wastes attendant thereto.
- 4.4 **HOUSEHOLD WASTE:** Any solid or liquid material normally generated by a family in a residence in the course of ordinary day-to-day living, including, but not limited to, garbage, paper products, rags, leaves and garden trash.
- 4.5 **LAWN CLIPPINGS:** Cut or mowed vegetation from ground covered with grass or clover that is maintained at a low and even height around a house, building, parkway or garden.
- 4.6 **PERSON:** Any individual, public or private corporation, partnership, association, firm, trust, or estate. The state or any department, institution, bureau, or agency therefore; any municipal, county, city and county or other political subdivision of the state; or any other legal entity whatsoever which is recognized by the law as being subject to rights and duties.
- 4.7 **REFUSE:** Any solid waste, including garbage and trash.
- 4.8 **SALVAGE OPERATION:** Any business, trade or industry engaged in whole or part in salvaging or reclaiming any product or material including, but not limited to, metals,

surplus materials, chemicals, shipping containers, drums animal by-products, automotive parts, or wood.

- 4.9 **SANITARY WASTE:** Any septic tank contents, holding tank contents, any sewage, or any medium containing human excrement.
- 4.10 **SCAVENGER OPERATION:** Any activity or process by which garbage, trash, refuse, household wastes, septic tank contents, offal, blood, bones, dead animals, or any other waste product is collected, transported, stored, deposited, rendered, or dumped for a fee or in contemplation of salvage for sale or gain.
- 4.11 **TRASH:** Solids not considered to be highly flammable or explosive; including, but not limited to, clothing, rags, leather, plastic, rubber, floor coverings, excelsior, tree leaves, yard trimmings, and other similar materials.
- 4.12 **WASTES:** All solid, liquid, or gaseous material, including, but not limited to, garbage, trash, household wastes, septic tank or holding tank contents, construction or demolition debris, dead animals, bones, waste cooking grease, or other refuse including that resulting from the prosecution of any business, trade or industry.

5.0 REGULATION

5.1 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- 5.1.1 No Person shall operate a Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation within the limits of Davis County, Utah, to collect or salvage any material including, but not limited to Household Wastes, Refuse, Trash, Garbage, Sanitary Wastes, metals, surplus materials, chemicals, shipping containers, drums, animal by-products, automotive parts, wood or any surplus and/or Wastes other than from their own business or residence, without first applying for and receiving a valid permit from the Davis County Health Department.
- 5.1.2 No Person shall allow any such materials or Wastes as noted above in this Part to be removed from their property or controlled by any Person who does not possess a valid Scavenger Operator or Salvage Operator permit from the Department.
- 5.1.3 An exemption to the permit requirement is made for the following activities and conditions:
 - 5.1.3.1 Removal of such materials or Wastes from a private residence by volunteer citizens in times of; disaster, physical, financial, or economic condition to aid the resident in maintaining a safe healthful environment.
 - 5.1.3.2 Removal of lawn clippings from lawn maintenance activities.

5.2 PERMITS

- 5.2.1** Permits shall be issued on application from persons operating or contemplating operating Scavenger Operations or Salvage Operations. Permit applications for Scavenger Operations shall consist of the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Also include the number of Collection Vehicles operated, their license plate numbers, tons or gallons capacity and a general description of each vehicle. The permit must be visibly displayed on the Collector Vehicle at all times. Permits are not transferable between vehicles. Such Collection Vehicle permits are two stickers that shall be placed on the vehicle as having been permitted for the current year. Such stickers shall not be removed, except by the Department, so long as the vehicle is used for hauling.
- 5.2.2** Part II and Part III do not apply to the federal government or any subdivision of state, county, or city government. However, private scavengers and salvagers who contract with cities, the county, the state, and/or federal government are not exempt.
- 5.2.3** The permit is issued on the condition that compliance with these regulations is met and any violation of these regulations is grounds for suspension of the permit. At the request of the Department, a Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation shall report to the Department the names and addresses of all places of business of persons where collection of Waste is made and where such Waste is hauled and deposited.

5.3 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 5.3.1** No Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation shall be operated so that it creates a nuisance or a hazard to health.
- 5.3.2** All Collection Vehicles and storage containers shall be designed or covered so that no littering will occur.
- 5.3.3** All unsalvageable Wastes collected must be transported to and disposed of in sites approved by the Department. All Refuse must be deposited in the established county-operated landfill sites unless other sites are specifically approved by the Department in writing.
- 5.3.4** Any products or materials including, but not limited to, metals, surplus materials, chemicals, shipping containers, drums, animal by-products, automotive parts, or wood collected and/or stored for salvage must not create a nuisance, a health hazard, a rodent harborage, or an eyesore, and must be stored and related business conducted in compliance with all applicable statutes, codes and regulations.
- 5.3.5** All Sanitary Wastes that are not directly drained into a sanitary sewer system or an approved individual wastewater disposal system must be transported to and deposited in a sanitary sewer or directly into a sewage treatment plant.

- 5.3.6 No Sanitary Wastes shall be deposited in a land filling operation unless specifically approved by the Department.
- 5.3.7 Demolition debris not containing excessive amounts of Trash may be used as fill where its use complies with city and county ordinances.
- 5.3.8 At no time shall an open fire or an unapproved incinerator be used in a Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation.
- 5.3.9 Scavenger Operations or Salvage Operations providing Waste storage containers to customers, who, in the normal operation of their business or household, discard Garbage, meat trimmings, bones, waste cooking oil, or other putrescible materials, shall maintain such containers with tight-fitting lids so as to make the containers fly and vermin proof. Containers shall be constructed of painted metal, durable plastic, or rubber. These containers must be maintained in a clean condition and kept in good repair. Containers not meeting these requirements shall not be used without approval for the Department.
- 5.3.10 Containers shall be placed in areas least offensive to adjoining properties and shall not be placed or located on a parking strip, except for the day of collection, or stored within three feet of an adjoining property.
- 5.3.11 The name and phone number of the Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation responsible for the container must be legibly written on the container in at least one inch high letters.

5.4 COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WASTES

- 5.4.1 Scavenger Operations or Salvage Operations shall be responsible for the collection and transportation of all Wastes; and shall not haul, convey, or transport any Waste in an open truck, transfer vehicle, open trailer, or other open conveyance for a distance of one-quarter mile or more without making a collection stop, unless covered completely or secured to prevent littering or discharge.
- 5.4.2 Scavenger operations or salvage operations must operate any collection vehicle used for the collection and transportation of Waste in a way that the contents do not discharge from the vehicle. If a discharge occurs during collection or transportation, the material shall be picked up immediately and returned to the vehicle and the area shall be properly cleaned of any Waste residue.
- 5.4.3 Scavenger Operations or Salvage Operations shall not collect any Waste materials that are unauthorized or that are smoldering, smoking, or burning.

5.5 SCAVENGER OPERATON AND SALVAGE OPERATION COLLECTION VEHICLES

- 5.5.1 Collection Vehicles shall be clean, easily cleanable, and in good repair.
- 5.5.2 The Collection Vehicle body shall be metal-lined with steel and welded at all seams or constructed of other material approved by the Department.

- 5.5.3 The Collection Vehicle shall be easily loaded and emptied. The tailgate or hopper of the vehicle shall be constructed so the contents of the body will not spill or blow from the vehicle while in motion. A heavy duty canvas or other acceptable heavy-duty cover that is adequate in size to cover the open body of the vehicle shall accompany the vehicle if required.
- 5.5.4 The name and telephone number of the Scavenger Operation or Salvage Operation owning the Collection Vehicle and the size capacity for the truck body shall be permanently affixed on the vehicle in letters and numbers that are legible and are at least two inches high.
- 5.5.5 The Collection Vehicle shall comply with all applicable safety, air pollution and noise control ordinances and regulations.

6.0 PENALTY

Any person, association, corporation, or the officers of the association or corporation who violates any provision of this section is:

- (i) on the first violation guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and
- (ii) on a subsequent similar violation within two years, guilty of a class A misdemeanor

7.0 SEVERABILITY

If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of these regulations or the application or circumstances shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of these regulations. The valid part of any clause, sentence, or paragraph of these regulations shall be given independence from the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of these regulations are hereby declared to be severable.

8.0 FEES

8.1 Scavenger Vehicle Permit: \$75.00

8.2 Scavenger Business Permit: \$50.00

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Davis County Board of Health has passed, approved and adopted this regulation this 7th day of November, 1972.

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Davis County Board of Health

Signed:  _____

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