

FLORIDA STATE SANITARY CODE

CHAPTER XXXI

Garbage and Rubbish

Section (1) Definitions:

- (a) The term "garbage" shall mean all solid and semi-solid kitchen refuse subject to decay or putrefaction and all market waste of animal and vegetable matter which was intended to be used as food.
- (b) The term "rubbish" shall mean all waste material not of a putrescible nature.
- (c) The term "offal" shall mean waste animal matter from butcher, slaughter, or packing houses.
- (d) The term "dead animals" shall mean all animals which may die or which may be killed for other than food purposes.
- (e) The term "manure" shall mean cleanings from all barns, stables, corrals, or pens used for stabling or penning of animals or fowl.

Section (2) Garbage Storage and Collections. Garbage shall be retained in water-tight receptacles of impervious material which are provided with tight-fitting covers suitable to protect the contents from flies, insects, rats, and other animals. Garbage collection shall be made at such intervals as meet the approval by the local health authorities under the direction of the State Board of Health.

Section (3) Responsibility of Municipalities. Municipalities shall be responsible for providing for an adequate, efficient, and sanitary system of collecting, transporting and disposing of garbage and rubbish from all buildings and establishments creating garbage or rubbish throughout the municipality in a manner approved by the State Board of Health.

Section (4) Garbage Feeding of Hogs. All garbage, dead animals or offal, fed to hogs which are to be sold as food for human consumption must be thoroughly and adequately cooked in a manner approved by the State Board of Health. After cooking, the garbage shall be fed to hogs on impervious feeding platforms which shall be kept clean at all times. These platform cleanings shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fly breeding, rat harborage, or sanitary nuisances of any kind.

Section (5) Permit for Garbage Feeding Required. Before any person, persons, firm, corporation, or municipality may legally carry on a program of feeding garbage, dead animals or offal to hogs, a permit must be obtained from the State Board of Health. This permit is revokable at any time for non-compliance with the minimum requirements as set forth in this Chapter.

Section (6) Dumping on Highways Not Permitted. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump or leave garbage, rubbish, dead animals, offal, or manure in or upon any public highway, road, or alley of this state, or within 200 yards of such public highway, road or alley.

Section (7) Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish. Garbage, offal, dead animals, and manure, or rubbish mixed with offal, dead animals, and/or manure shall be disposed of by incineration, burial, sanitary fill, or other method approved by the State Board of Health. Such material shall not be disposed of by being deposited in any natural or artificial body of water or on the watershed of any surface public water supply, or within one-half mile of any habitation or place of business where it may become a nuisance or menace to health through the breeding of flies, harboring of rodents, or pollution. (Exception: When said material has been rendered completely stable by incineration or other process approved by the State Board of Health.)

Section (8) Approval of Plans. Before any method of stabilizing, garbage, rubbish, offal, or other such material is constructed or placed in operation, a complete set of plans, specifications, and design data must be submitted to the State Board of Health for approval. All plans and specifications must be signed by an engineer registered under the laws of the State of Florida. No construction shall be begun until approval is given by the State Board of Health. Failure to comply with any and all above provisions shall be considered a violation of State Sanitary Code.

The Sections of this Chapter were adopted by the State Board of Health in executive session on February 16, 1946, to be effective from that date.

(7) of this rule specifies that garbage (decayable) shall not be disposed of in any natural or artificial body of water where it may become a nuisance or menace to health. This reasonably would apply to characteristic s.w.