



Trash Talk

The City of Niceville offers free curbside removal of yard waste and large non-commercial "miscellaneous household" items that are too large for your Waste Management containers for City residents.

State guidelines for waste disposal mandate that landfills separate debris into different bundles / piles for proper disposal.

We are asking for your cooperation in helping us by separating out your debris and the following guidelines will help us to provide better service and ensure collection:

YARD WASTE: loose debris must be bagged to prevent debris from entering the storm drains!	BULK ITEMS: treated lumber/wood do not bag up, these are hazardous materials.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Tree limbs/stumps/branches ✚ Shrub clippings ✚ Bagged leaves/grass clippings ✚ Untreated wood ✚ Garden residue ✚ twigs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Furniture/mattresses ✚ House hold debris – plastics ✚ Freezer/refrigerators ✚ Construction debris ✚ Glass ✚ Rock/brick ✚ Metal ✚ Roofing materials ✚ Treated lumber/wood/materials

COLLECTION:

- ✚ Items for pick up must be at the curb no later than 6 AM on your scheduled collection day.
- ✚ For the speed of all collection, place your leaves, grass clippings and pine straw in a plastic bag.
- ✚ Items should be at least 4' from mailboxes, power poles, fences, fire hydrants, trees, and other obstacles.
- ✚ Place debris at least 10' from parked cars on the street

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

To ensure the proper disposal of certain hazardous waste Niceville City residents can drop off their used motor oil, cooking oils, paints at the Public Works Complex at 920 South Cedar. Drop off hours are Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, 850-279-6436, Ext. 2004. Also the following businesses will accept used motor oil: Discount Auto Parts, Auto-Zone, and B & T Lubrication.

For any hazardous waste contact Okaloosa County Recycling Office at 850-301-2013, they are located at 80 Ready Avenue, Fort Walton Beach and the hours of operation are: Tuesday to Saturday from 7am to 3pm.

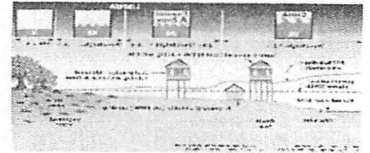
TREE SERVICE, CONTRACTORS AND LANDSCAPERS:

The City of Niceville does not pick up yard waste or debris generated by private contractors performing tree trimming or removal, remodeling or other contracted services. The contractor is responsible for removing all waste and debris.

****Any questions please contact the Public Works Department at 850-279-6436, Ext. 2004.****



CITY OF NICEVILLE FLOOD FACTS



NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS of WETLANDS: In their undisturbed and natural state, wetlands in the City of Niceville provide many beneficial functions and resources, including floodplain management, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Wetlands also serve as a natural filter that maintains water quality for lakes, streams, rivers, bays and bayous. A wetland is like a buffer between the upland area and a surface body of water like Choctawhatchee Bay. Stormwater runoff from the upland areas picks up dust, dirt and other contaminants which the wetlands filter out. This helps to keep the water in the Bay cleaner. Wetlands are an area where flooding occurs naturally and the vegetation that grows there helps to store and slow down flood waters. By limiting development in wetlands, flood waters have a natural place to go without threatening development. The City has been working toward the preservation and restoration of the wetlands system to protect these functions and resources well into the future. The City has a Master Stormwater Plan which was developed to provide a guideline to improve the flooding problems within the city. Stormwater Management Plans are required for all development and redevelopment. The implementation of these regulations will help to reduce flood peaks and duration, provide additional flood storage when needed, and improve and maintain surface and ground water quality. This plan will have environmental benefits by restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat, and maintaining the diversity and integrity of this unique wetland environment.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: All development (not just construction) within the floodplain of the City requires permits. Extra requirements are involved when developing in the floodplain. Before you alter (fill, grade, clear, etc.) your property, build a building, or otherwise develop your property; contact the Building Department at (850) 279-6436, Ext. 1215. If you suspect any unauthorized development within the floodplain, please contact the Code Enforcement Department at (850) 279-6436, 1001.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Proper drainage helps to reduce the risk of flooding. The City of Niceville inspects and maintains public drainage facilities. A blockage in a storm sewer system can cause flooding. Help to do your part by keeping storm drains and ditches free from debris. If you experience a problem with a drainage facility, quickly report it to the City of Niceville Public Works Department at (850) 279-6436, Ext 2004. The City prohibits the dumping of any trash or yard debris in streams, channels, or stormwater facilities. Dumping trash and yard debris in these areas could result in increased flooding and damages in areas that would otherwise be protected. Report any violations to the City Code Enforcement Office, (850) 279-6436, Ext. 1001.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS / DAMAGE REQUIREMENTS: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards (e.g., a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the building's value before it was damaged must be elevated one-foot above the base flood elevation). In the City of Niceville, if your home is within a Special Flood Hazard Area (flood zone) you must elevate your home if you exceed this 50% rule. Therefore, if an addition to your home is more than 50% of the market value, the entire structure must be elevated above the base flood elevation. Permits will be required for construction which will ensure compliance with this rule. Contact the Building Department at (850) 279-6436, Ext. 1215 if you have any question about substantial improvements/damage requirements.

SITE VISITS FOR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS: Upon request, a City representative will visit your property to explain possible ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage. Please contact the City Public Works Department at (850) 279-6436, 2004 or ahanson@niceville.org.

