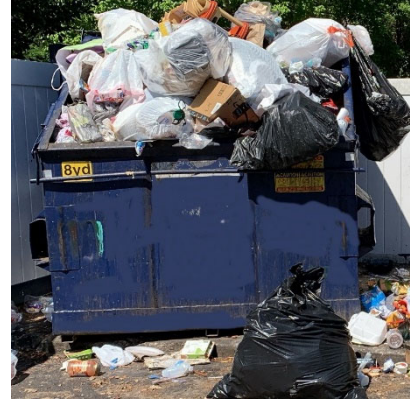


# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## New Ordinance Designed to Help Solve Odor & Pest Control Issues

On June 6, 2022, the City Commission approved new solid waste ordinances designed to help reduce odor and pest control problems at commercial properties by increasing the required frequency of garbage collection. **Effective September 2, 2022 restaurants, bars, grocery stores, and other food service establishments are required to receive garbage collection service no less than 4 days per week if open 7 days a week, and no less than 3 days per week if open 6 days a week.** Food service establishments with enclosed compacting dumpsters are exempt from this requirement.



Food service establishments often produce a lot of food and food contaminated waste, and dumpsters can quickly become overfilled. When left uncollected in our Florida heat for several days, this waste often can lead to odor control issues in and around dumpster collection areas. The odors from uncollected waste often attract rodents and scavenger animals that will break open garbage bags in dumpsters.



The new solid waste ordinances also require **apartment and condominium properties to implement garbage collection services no less than twice per week.** Properties using enclosed compacting dumpsters for collection from tenants are exempt from this requirement.

For more information on this ordinance and other Zero Waste Ordinances adopted by the City of Gainesville, visit [gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste](https://gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste).

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