

City of Watertown, NY
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Chapter 161. Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse

Article I. Placing or Dumping of Rubbish

§ 161-1. Rubbish creating nuisance prohibited.

[Amended 9-15-2025]

No person shall place or deposit or, as owner, agent or tenant, allow or permit to remain in or upon any land or the surface of the same any rubbish, as defined in §§ **248-1** and **161-1.1**, which tends to or does create a nuisance or which tends to or does serve as a breeding place for flies or mosquitoes or as a source of food for rats or which tends to or does increase the fire hazard of neighboring property. **Rubbish shall be contained in approved watertight trash/garbage cans or trash/garbage totes for proper disposal pursuant to § 161-1.1.**

§ 161-1.1. Dumping of rubbish prohibited; definition.

[Amended 9-15-2025]

- A. **No person shall place or deposit or, as owner, agent or tenant, allow or permit to remain in or upon private property or any property of the City of Watertown, particularly the margin between the sidewalk and the street, any rubbish, as set forth herein, except on the day of regularly scheduled trash pickup for that property in an approved watertight trash/garbage cans or trash/garbage totes.**
- B. "Rubbish" shall mean any refuse, filth, dirt, waste matter, sweepings, garbage, putrescible matter, decomposable or organic matter, carcass, sewage, excrement, swill, slops, malodorous or obnoxious liquids or substances, compost, ashes, soot, tin cans, leaves, brush, weeds, grass, straw, hay, excelsior, shavings, barrels, crates, boxes, litter, easily combustible matter, used furniture or appliances or other substance or material offensive or dangerous to the public or detrimental to its health.