



August 14, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

No Garbage In The Dumpsters, Please

I have been informed by City staff and some volunteers that some residents are putting trash and appliances in the dumpsters located throughout the City for the purpose of collecting yard waste and other debris associated with Monday's storm. Please note that we can only take tree and plant matter in these dumpsters at this time.

The material collected in these dumpsters will be taken to the compost facility in West Davenport for disposal. As long as there is only organic matter in those dumpsters, we will not be charged. If someone puts their garbage, e-waste or appliance in the dumpster, we'll have to pay a tipping fee at the landfill.

We will be having another citywide clean-up day later in the fall and quite possibly an e-waste collection event - so please hold on to those items until we're ready to help you dispose of them.

If you have questions or if you see someone throwing garbage or other non-organic items into a dumpster, please call City Hall (563-355-2511).

Burn Ban In Effect Until August 28

At the request of several citizens, I am ordering a ban on burning leaves, wood and other materials outside until all the power is restored to the City and most of the clean-up work is done. We have several residents who are senior citizens and others with breathing conditions who have to leave their windows open in order to get air circulating in their house. Smoke from a fire in the neighborhood makes it nearly impossible for them to breath comfortably.

This burn ban effectively suspends the open burning of "Disaster Rubbish" which is allowed under Chapter 105.5 (1) and the burning of "Landscape Waste" which is allowed under Chapter 105.5 (3) of the City's code of ordinances.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and hold off burning until the burn ban is lifted at the end of the month.

Also, please note that the City's ordinances about burning remain in effect at this time. That means the following acts are prohibited even after the burn ban is lifted:

- No burning in city streets, curbs or gutters or in alleys (Ch. 135.08)
- No burning of combustible materials except through a chimney or stack (Ch. 105.05)
- No burning of waste gases.
- Burn barrels are prohibited
- The burning of garbage is prohibited (Ch. 105.12)

If you have a question or see someone burning anything in their yard or driveway between now and August 28, please notify City Hall (563-355-2511).

Sincerely,

Mike Bawden
Mayor
City of Riverdale