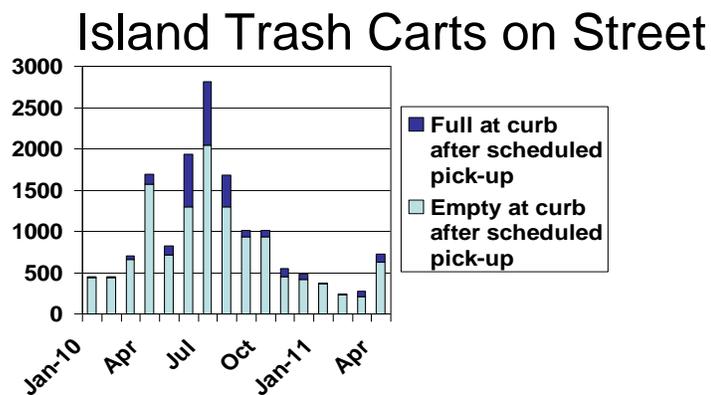


Dear Sunset Beach Island Property Owner:

The Town of Sunset Beach has a number of planned projects scheduled to begin upon the completion of the sewer system. These projects are designed to enhance the curbside appearance of our community, including but not limited to street repaving, bike & pedestrian paths, and landscaping enhancements.

However, a nagging problem persists on the island and your help is needed to eliminate it. Our curbsides are an eyesore because they are constantly strewn with unsightly trash containers that are put out at varying times and then left out, even after trash pickup has occurred, to be blown about by the wind.

Below is a graphic depiction of the extent of the problem. Given the fact that Brunswick County is considering curbside recycling in the near future, the current problem will become worse if not corrected.



The solution to this problem is for *you* – the property owner – to place and remove trash containers in accordance with the trash collection schedule.

As part of our efforts to correct this situation, the Town Council has reviewed, amended, and clarified the language in the curbside container ordinance (*see attached ordinance*). The new language better defines the times for containers to be put out and removed from curbside in conjunction with the trash collection schedule (*see attached schedule*). This information is also posted and available on the Town web site (www.sunsetbeachnc.gov).

As property owners in Sunset Beach, we all have an obligation to do our part to keep our community as attractive as possible. We realize that certain challenges exist if properties are rented, but the enormity of this problem requires action.

We ask that you familiarize yourself with both the ordinance and the trash collection schedule. If you rent your home, please display this information prominently and remind your visitors and guests to comply with them.

We realize that personal schedules may not always align favorably with the trash collection schedule, and, therefore, encourage you to utilize one or more of the following alternate solutions:

- If you rent your unit and use a property management company, ensure that the contract with your management company includes the handling of this matter as part of its overall service to you.
- If you rent without using a property management company, you must make arrangements with those who provide services to you to have your trash containers placed and removed as specified by the ordinance. Also, be advised that if you rent your property on a short-term basis (less than 90 days), you are required by law NCGS 105-164.4(a)(3) to collect and remit accommodation taxes to the Town of Sunset Beach along with a monthly activity report. Contact Town Hall for the details.
- Enlist the assistance of a neighbor to handle the trash container issue for you when you are unable to perform the task yourself.
- Contract with a person or persons to provide the needed service when you are unable to perform the task yourself.

The Town will soon begin strict enforcement of the ordinance as revised.

- **Beginning October 1, 2011, violators will receive a warning.**
- **Beginning December 31, 2011, violators will receive a citation for each failure to adhere to the requirements of the ordinance. The fine for each citation is \$50.00.**

Our hope is that your compliance with these requirements will greatly improve the ambiance of the community for us all.

Sincerely,

Sunset Beach Town Council

Enclosures: Ordinance §50.03 Containers
Garbage Pick-Up Schedule