

City of Shreveport - Can Ordinance Q & A

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Question 1:

Will I be fined if I put my can out the evening before my garbage day?

No, it is ok to place your can on the curb the evening before your garbage day. We understand that people work odd hours and that for some putting it out at 7am may not be possible.

Question 2:

I own rental property but am worried with the implementation of this ordinance that I will be penalized for my renters' actions, how does the policy relate to my situation?

As a property owner you are the responsible party, not your renter. Any penalty will be the property owner's responsibility.

Question 3:

Are you targeting certain areas or is it City wide?

No, this is being done City wide.

Question 4:

What are the fines?

The fine can run up to \$500 per occurrence with each day constituting a separate occurrence. The actual fine levied is up to the judge.

Question 5:

Do the same rules apply to your Yardwaste?

No, at this time there is no ordinance stating that you can't put your yardwaste out at the curb before your collection day.

Question 6:

How far from curb does my can have to be?

Your garbage can should be within 10 feet of the curb.

Questions 7:

What is the purpose of this ordinance?

This ordinance will help our neighborhoods stay cleaner and prevent road hazards that may be caused by leaving the cans on the curb.

Question 8:

I work evenings and don't get home until after 10:00 pm, but I do put my can up as soon as I get home, will I be fined if my can isn't off the curb by 10:00 pm?

If you take the can in when you get home you will not have a problem.

Question 9:

When will the City start imposing fines?

- Phase 1:* The City will first give all occupants a notice on their door of the ordinance and the repercussions of not complying. This will be done in stages according to your collection day.
- Phase 2:* The City will then send out certified letters to property owners who are not complying with the ordinance or forcing renters to comply with the ordinance. This will also be done in accordance with your collection day.
- Phase 3:* Those owners that are still not complying with the ordinance will be given a subpoena to appear in court where the judge may impose a fine.