

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All Commercial and ≥8-unit Multi-Family Ridgway Properties

Animal-Resistant Trash Containers Required Town-wide



On May 9th, the Town Council adopted an ordinance requiring all residential and commercial properties within the Town of Ridgway to use only animal-resistant trash containers. The ordinance is attached here and will become effective on June 9th, 2018.

Deadline to Obtain and Use Animal-Resistant Containers, Cans, Dumpsters



The Town is working with our residential waste hauler to provide 64-gallon animal-resistant containers for residential properties that have 7 or fewer residential dwelling units. **Commercial properties and multi-family properties with greater than 7 residential dwelling units are responsible for obtaining their own animal-resistant container, can or dumpster.** We estimate that we will deliver the residential property containers in mid-July. We are providing the same acquisition and use time frame to commercial properties and multi-family properties with more than 7 residential dwelling units. All developed properties town-wide will be required to be using only qualified, animal-resistant trash containers, cans and dumpsters by **July 16th, 2018**. Town-wide enforcement will commence on July 16th.

Animal-Resistant Container Specifications

Pursuant to the ordinance adopted on May 9th: *all refuse cans and refuse containers shall be animal-resistant, except for large “roll-off” containers intended for temporary use that do not have manufactured animal-resistant lids, and except for those cans and containers used for yard-trimmings such as grass, leaves and branches. Animal-resistant refuse cans and animal-resistant refuse containers means a fully enclosed container that can be constructed of pliable materials, but must be reinforced to deter access by wildlife. The container must employ a sturdy lid that has a latching mechanism preventing access to its contents by wildlife. Wildlife Resistant Containers must meet the standards of testing by the Living With Wildlife Foundation and a “passing” rating by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) as bear resistant for 60 minutes.*

Commons Dumpsters

When common dumpsters are used, they shall be screened by fencing. All common dumpsters shall be animal-resistant. Animal-resistant dumpster enclosure means an enclosed structure consisting of four (4) sides and a secure metal door or cover, which shall have a latching device of sufficient design and strength to prevent access by wildlife.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: Ouray County and Ridgway are in an **EXTREME DROUGHT** this year with the lowest snowpack on record. **PLEASE** reduce your water use as much as possible and comply with all watering restrictions. Additional information is on the Town's website: www.town.ridgway.co.us **THANK YOU!**