

**BERMUDA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**PUBLIC HEALTH (HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE)  
REGULATIONS 1930**

*[made on 5 September 1930 by the Board of Health under section 27 of the Public Health Act 1930 [repealed] and brought into operation on 9 February 1931]*

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**Time limit for retention of house refuse; burning**

1 (1) No house refuse shall be retained on any premises for a longer period than twenty-four hours unless the occupier provides suitable and sufficient covered metal containers for holding without leakage all house refuse that may accumulate and which in the interest of the public health should be removed from such premises.

(2) House refuse which is capable of being burnt shall be burnt at least once a week wherever that may be done without danger to the premises or surrounding premises.

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**Wooden receptacles**

2 Wooden receptacles may be used for the disposal of cardboard boxes, paper packing, and other material not containing moisture, which for any reason cannot be burnt.

**Size of containers**

3 All containers shall be of a size suitable for one man to lift and empty.

**Disposal of house refuse**

4 House refuse which cannot be burnt, not including nightsoil, shall be disposed of by the occupier every seven days, either by burial, or by placing the refuse on a public highway for removal to an approved dumping ground, or by otherwise destroying the refuse to the satisfaction of a Health Inspector.

**Cleaning of highway after removal of refuse**

5 (1) On removing any house refuse none shall be allowed to become deposited on any road, footway, pavement or carriage way.

(2) If in the removal of house refuse any refuse becomes deposited on any road, footway, pavement or carriage way such place shall at once be thoroughly swept or otherwise properly cleansed, by the person removing the refuse.

**Receptacles to be put out on highway**

6 (1) Receptacles containing refuse shall be put out on the highway for removal on such days and in such manner as the Minister charged with responsibility for Health ("the Minister") may specify.

(2) Receptacles, after being emptied, shall not be left by the owner on any highway for a longer period than twelve hours.

**Accumulation of refuse not allowed**

7 The owners or occupiers of all houses, stores, warehouses, or other premises are required at all times to keep such premises in every respect clean and free from rank vegetation, offensive matter, tins, empty bottles, and rubbish of every kind.

**Expense of removing excess trade refuse**

8 Trade waste or the waste products of any business, including hotels, other than household rubbish, when in quantities which the Minister considers excessive, shall be removed at the expense of the person conducting the business.

**Refuse not to be thrown on highway**

9 No person shall throw upon any highway any vegetable or fruit, in whole or in part, or any other refuse.

**Medical Officer of Health may prohibit dumping of house refuse**

10 The Chief Medical Officer may prohibit the dumping of house refuse any locality where in his opinion such deposit would constitute a menace the public health.

**Deposits of refuse to be covered with soil or ashes**

11 All deposits of house refuse shall be covered with soil or ashes.

**Picking over dumps not allowed**

12 No person shall disturb or pick over any public deposit of refuse except by written permission of the Minister.

**Private dump; duty of owner**

13 It shall be the duty of the owner of a private dumping ground to keep it from being a nuisance.

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