TRASH DISPOSAL RULES FOR
BIOSPHERE 1 RECYCLE CENTER

Household trash, rubbish, construction materials resulting from minor household repairs may be brought to Biosphere 1 by Texas City residents from the residence in which they reside with the following limitations.

1. Construction material from contractors is not accepted unless the resident is present and the debris was generated at the address of the Utility bill presented. Inspection may take place if needed.
2. Debris is limited to (2) Pickup trucks per week per residence.
3. No trash, brush, construction material, or any non-recyclable items will be accepted from rental properties (unless the tenant brings the material to the biosphere with the Utility bill in their name) or commercial establishments.
4. It is unlawful to bring into the City Limits of Texas City any trash, refuse or unwanted material with the intention of disposing of said refuse from outside the City. Violators can be fined up to $2,000.
5. Roofing material is not accepted at Biosphere 1.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS - The following items cannot be accepted at Biosphere 1 from anyone: Pesticides, household cleaners, or any other hazardous waste. It is against Federal and State Law to improperly dispose of these types of material. Other materials that cannot be accepted at Biosphere 1 include: any type of cylinder (oxygen, freon, helium, hydraulic, etc.), fire extinguishers, automobiles, boats, drums of any kind, dirt, soils, roofing materials.

BRUSH DISPOSAL – Residentially generated brush may be brought to Biosphere 1 for processing by Texas City residents with the following stipulations:
1. Brush that is the result of land clearing for property development is prohibited.
2. Only clean brush that is free of trash or other debris will be accepted.
3. All persons bringing brush to Biosphere 1 are required to produce a current Utility bill from the residence where the brush was generated.
4. It is unlawful to bring into the City Limits of Texas City from outside the City any unwanted brush with the intention of disposing of it in Texas City. Violators can be fined up to $2,000.
5. Brush disposal does not have load limits, as long as it is coming from address presented on the current water bill. Further inspection may take place if needed.

MULCH & COMPOST – Brush that is brought to Biosphere 1 by Texas City residents or picked up by the City is ground into mulch at Biosphere 1. Some of the mulch is blended with biosolids and composted. The resulting mulch and compost is available to area residents free of charge with the following conditions:
1. The loading of compost and mulch is the responsibility of the resident. Operators who work for the Solid Waste Department are not required or entitled to load. They may only do this out of courtesy or if they are not on another assignment. Please be prepared to load yourself.
2. Mulch material is available to any person(s) and in any amount.
3. Compost is available to only Texas City residents and limited to 1 load pick up load every 7 days.

SCAVENGING – With the exception of mulch and compost, no materials brought into Biosphere 1 may be removed. Scavenging of materials is prohibited by City ordinance (Chapter 102 – City Code of Ordinances) and can result in fines of up to $400. Recycling processors under contract with the City to purchase commodities are the only agents allowed to collect recyclables.

VIOLATIONS – Persons who misrepresent themselves to obtain access or knowingly violate any of these policies may be permanently banned from future use of the facility. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to prohibit the City of Texas City or the Solid Waste Manager from making special exceptions to any portion of this policy.