

CHAPTER 11

RECYCLING ORDINANCE ¹

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11.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as defined in sec. 159. 11, Stats., and ch. NR 544, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

11.02 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATED

- (A) **Separation of Recyclable Materials**. Occupants of single-family and two (2) to four (4) unit residences; multiple-family dwellings; and commercial, retail, industrial, and governmental facilities shall separate the following materials from post consumer waste:
- (1) Lead acid batteries;
 - (2) Major appliances;
 - (3) Waste oil;
 - (4) Yard waste;
 - (5) Aluminum containers;
 - (6) Bi-metal containers
 - (7) Corrugated paper or other container board;
 - (8) Foam polystyrene packaging;
 - (9) Glass containers;
 - (10) Magazines or other materials printed on similar paper;
 - (11) Newspaper or other materials printed on newsprint;
 - (12) Office paper;
 - (12) Furniture;
 - (13) All electronics;

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- (14) Plastic containers made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins;
- (15) Steel containers;
- (16) Waste Tires.

(B) Preparation of Recyclable Materials. Except as otherwise directed by the Village Board, occupants of single-family and two (2) to four (4) unit residences shall do the following for the preparation for recycling of the separated materials specified in Section 11.02:

(1) The following recyclables should be placed in the cart container with the blue cover. Items do not need to be separated. Recyclable items include: glass containers, aluminum cans and foil, tin and steel cans, plastics #1-7, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fiberboard (cereal and show boxes), magazines, phone books, books, paper and cardboard.

(2) Non-recyclable items shall be placed in the cart container with the grey cover.

(3) Carts shall be placed curbside by 7:00 A.M. on collection day. The cart should be within 18 inches of the curb with the arrows on the lid pointing to the street curb. Place recycling carts at least three feet away from garbage carts. Close lids prior to pick-up.

(4) Carts must be returned to the residence within 24 hours of pick-up.

(C) Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multiple-Family Dwellings.

(1) Owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in Section 11.02:

- a. Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials
- b. Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semiannually thereafter about the established recycling program.
- c. Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the tenants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
- d. Notify users, tenants, and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle solid waste, which materials are collected, how to prepare the materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address, and telephone number.

(2) The requirements specified in (1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings if the post consumer waste generated within the dwelling is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in Section 11.02.

(D) Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.

(1) Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in Section 11.02:

- a. Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants, and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
- b. Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants, and occupants and the delivery of the materials to a

recycling facility.

- c. Notify users, tenants, and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle, which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address, and telephone number.

- (2) The requirements specified in (1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties if the post consumer waste generated within the facility or property is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in Section 11.02(A).

(E) **Management of Lead Acid Batteries, Major Appliances, Waste Oil, Furniture, Yard Waste, Tires and Electronic Waste.** Occupants of single-family and two (2) to four (4) unit residences, multiple-family dwellings, and non-residential facilities and properties shall manage lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, furniture, yard waste, tires and electronic waste as follows:

- (1) Lead acid batteries can be disposed of by contacting any enterprise which accepts lead acid batteries.
- (2) Major appliances will NOT be accepted at the curb. For information on disposal of refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and any other appliance containing a form of Freon gas, the appliance owner may contact any enterprise which accepts appliances containing Freon to inquire about disposal fees.
- (3) Waste oil can be disposed of by contacting any enterprise which accepts waste oil.
- (4) Waste tires shall be taken by owners to any enterprise which accepts waste tires. Owners will be charged a fee for disposal.
- (5) Yard waste shall be disposed of per current village policies. Branches can be disposed of at the Department of Public Works located at 1140 Minnesota Avenue in the appropriately marked area. These branches are recycled into wood chips which are free to the public for landscaping chips as available. Leaves, plants and other yard waste can be disposed of at the Department of Public Works located at 1140 Minnesota Avenue in the appropriately marked area. Place the yard waste in the marked collection point removing any plastic bags or other containers, disposing of them properly. This organic material will be recycled by composting. Yard waste drop off is for Village of Oostburg residents only. Commercial landscaping contractors who are employed by village residents must pay an annual permit fee to dispose of yard waste of village residents. The fee will be set forth in the Village of Oostburg Fee Schedule. Table 1.10. The area will be monitored by closed circuit cameras.
- (6)² Large Refuse can be disposed of at the Village of Oostburg Disposal Site by Village of Oostburg residents ONLY. A yard waste and heavy refuse disposal card is available for purchase at the office of the Village Clerk for \$10.00. No garbage, recycling, hazardous waste, appliances, electronics, batteries or tires are allowed in the dumpster. The disposal center is fully automated and secured with a camera system. If the card owner or someone using the card is caught disposing of any other material other than yard waste and the allowed large refuse items, the access card will be deactivated, and all privilege to the facility will be lost. In addition, a fine will be assessed as set forth in Section 11.04.

² Adopted through Ordinance 1-2021 6-14-2021. See Minutes of Village Board, Vol. 30, Page 2036.

- (7) Electronic Waste (E-Waste) can be disposed of by contacting any enterprise which accepts electronic waste. The village sponsors an electronic waste disposal day semi-annually on the 2nd Saturday of May and November.

11.03 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(A) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this Ordinance:

- (1) "**Bi-metal container**" means a container for carbonated or malt beverages that is made primarily of a combination of steel and aluminum.
- (2) "**Container board**" means corrugated paperboard used in the manufacture of shipping containers and related products.
- (3) "**E-Waste**" means Wisconsin Act 50 Eligible Electronic Devices, including computers and computer peripherals; TVs' desktop printers, fax machines; DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and cell phones.
- (4) "**Foam polystyrene packaging**" means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria:
 - a. Is designed for serving food or beverages.
 - b. Consists of loose particles intended to fill space and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.
 - c. Consists of rigid materials shaped to hold and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.
- (5) "**HDPE**" means high density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI code #2.
- (6) "**LDPE**" means low density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI code #4.
- (7) "**Magazines**" means magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.
- (8) "**Major appliance**" means a residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, furnace, boiler, dehumidifier, water heater, or stove.
- (9) "**Multiple-family dwelling**" means a property containing five (5) or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
- (10) "**Newspaper**" means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint.
- (11) "**Non-residential facilities and properties**" means commercial, retail, industrial, institutional, and governmental facilities and properties. This term does not include multiple-family dwellings.
- (12) "**Office paper**" means high grade printing and writing papers from offices in non-residential facilities and properties. Printed white ledger and computer printout are examples of office paper generally accepted as high grade. This term does not include industrial process waste.
- (13) "**Other resins or multiple resins**" means plastic resins labeled by the SPI code #7.
- (14) "**Person**" includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local governmental unit as defined in sec. 66.299(1)(a), Stats., state agency, or authority or federal agency.
- (15) "**PETE**" means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the SPI code #1.
- (16) "**Plastic container**" means an individual, separate, rigid plastic bottle, can, jar, or carton, except for a blister pack, that is originally used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale.

- (17) "**Post consumer waste**" means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste as defined in sec. 144.61(5), Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste as defined in sec. 144.44(7)(a) 1., Stats.
 - (18) "**PP**" means polypropylene, labeled by the SPI code #5.
 - (19) "**PS**" means polystyrene, labeled by the SPI code #6.
 - (20) "**PVC**" means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the SPI code #3.
 - (21) "**Recyclable materials**" includes lead acid batteries; major appliances; waste oil; yard waste; aluminum containers; corrugated paper or other container board; foam polystyrene packaging; glass containers; magazines; newspaper; office paper; rigid plastic containers, including those made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins; steel containers; waste tires; and bi-metal containers.
 - (22) "**Solid waste**" has the meaning specified in sec. 144.01(15), Stats.
 - (23) "**Solid waste facility**" has the meaning specified in sec. 144.43(5). Stats.
 - (24) "**Solid waste treatment**" means any method, technique, or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of solid waste. "Treatment" includes incineration.
 - (25) "**Waste tire**" means a tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage, or defect.
 - (26) "**Yard waste**" means leaves, grass clippings, yard, and garden debris and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than six (6) inches in diameter. This term does not include stumps, roots, or shrubs with intact root balls.
- (B) **Statutory Authority.** This Ordinance is adopted as authorized under sec. 159.09(3)(b), Stats.
 - (C) **Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.** It is not intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing rules, regulations, ordinances, or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.
 - (D) **Interpretation.** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes. Where any terms or requirements of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive requirements or interpretation shall apply. Where a provision of this Ordinance is required by Wisconsin Statutes, or by a standard in ch. NR 544, Wisconsin Administrative Code, and where the Ordinance provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and the ch. NR 544 standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this Ordinance or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this Ordinance.
 - (E) **Severability.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.
 - (F) **Applicability.** The requirements of this Ordinance apply to all persons within the Village of Oostburg.
 - (G) **Administration.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be administered by the Village Board of the Village of Oostburg.

11.04 ENFORCEMENT

For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, any authorized officer, employee, or representative of the Village of Oostburg may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, post consumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of multiple-family dwellings and nonresidential facilities and properties, and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information.

- (a) No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee, or authorized representative of the Village of Oostburg who requests access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.
 - (b) Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance may be issued a citation by the Village of Oostburg to collect forfeitures. The issuance of a citation shall not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude the issuance of a citation under this paragraph.
 - (c) Penalties for violating this Ordinance may be assessed as follows:
 - 1. Any person who violates Section 11.02 (D) or (E) may be required to forfeit Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a first violation, One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) for a second violation, and not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for a third or subsequent violation.
 - 2. Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance, except Section 11.02(D) and (E), may be required to forfeit not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.
- (A) **Prohibitions on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling.** No person may dispose of in a solid waste disposal facility or burn in a solid waste treatment facility any materials which have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.
- (B) **No Dumping.** It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of or dump garbage in any street, alley, or other public place within the Village of Oostburg or in any receptacles or private property without the owner's consent.
- (C) **Nondisposable Materials.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place for disposal any of the following wastes: hazardous and toxic wastes, chemicals, explosives, flammable liquids, paint, trees and stumps, construction debris, carcasses, medical wastes, E-Waste, and heavy refuse such as furniture, appliances, cement, tires and batteries.