

Village of Eden Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance

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1.01 Title. Recycling Ordinance for Village of Eden, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin.

1.02 Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in s. 287.11, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code.

1.03 Statutory Authority. This ordinance is adopted as authorized under s. 287.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats.

1.04 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.

1.05 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, Wis. Adm. 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.

1.06 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.

1.07 Applicability. The requirements of this ordinance apply to all persons within the corporate limits of the Village of Eden.

1.08 Administration. The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Village of Eden board.

1.09 Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on October 21, 2025

1.10 Definitions. For the purpose 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) "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.
- 4) "Glass Container" means a glass bottle, jar or other packaging container used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale and does not include ceramic cups, dishes, oven ware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as pyrex, lead based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
- 5) "HDPE" means high density polyethylene, labeled by the resin code # 2.
- 6) "LDPE" means low density polyethylene, labeled by the resin 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 structure containing 5 or more residential units, including units that 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 government facilities and properties. Non-residential facilities and properties includes any location at which goods or services are provided or manufactured, including locations under construction, demolition, or remodeling, or used for special events such as fairs, festivals, sport venues, conferences, and exhibits. This term does not include multiple family dwellings.
- 12) "Office paper" means a variety of high-grade printing and writing papers. This term does not include industrial process waste, newspaper or packaging.
- 13) "Other resins or multiple resins" mean plastic resins labeled by the resin code # 7.
- 14) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, local government unit, as defined in s. 66.0131(1)(a), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.
- 15) "PETE" or "PET" means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the resin 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) "Postconsumer waste" means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in s. 291.01(7) Wis. Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste, as defined in s. 289.01(17), Wis. Stats.
- 18) "PP" means polypropylene, labeled by the resin code # 5.
- 19) "PS" means polystyrene, labeled by the resin code # 6.
- 20) "PVC" means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the resin 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 s. 289.01(33), Wis. Stats.
- 23) "Solid waste facility" has the meaning specified in s. 289.01(35), Wis. 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 6 inches in diameter. This term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

1.11 *Separation of Recyclable Materials. Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate the following materials from postconsumer 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
- 11) Newspaper
- 12) Office paper
- 13) Rigid plastic containers made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins
- 14) Steel containers
- 15) Waste tires

1.12 *Separation Requirements Exempted. The separation requirements of s. 1.11 do not apply to the following:

- 1) Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties that send their postconsumer waste to a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers the materials specified in s. 1.11 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- 2) Solid waste which is burned as a supplement fuel at a facility if less than 30 % of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplement fuel.
- 3) A recyclable material specified in s. 1.11(5) through (15) for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under s. 287.11(2m), Wis. Stats., or s. NR 544.14, Wis. Adm. Code.

1.13 Care of Separated Recyclable Materials. To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with s. 1.11 shall be clean and kept free of contaminants such as food or product residue, oil or grease, or other non-recyclable materials, including but not limited to household hazardous waste, medical waste, and agricultural chemical containers. Recyclable materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather conditions.

1.14 Management of Lead Acid Batteries, Major Appliances, Waste Oil and Yard Waste. Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall manage lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, and yard waste as follows: *(for example, will materials be collected curbside or brought to drop-off programs; should residents be directed to scrap metal operations or retail stores, should residents home compost or bring yard waste to a central drop-off location, etc.)*

- 1) Lead acid batteries shall be taken to retail battery store for proper recycling and disposal.
- 2) Major appliances shall be scheduled for pick up by calling any private hauler of white goods.
- 3) Waste oil shall be taken to any private business that accepts waste oil for recycling.
- 4) Yard waste shall be taken to the Village yard waste drop off site located at the Village of Eden Sewer Plant. The Yard waste drop-off site shall be subject to specific limitations set from the time to time by the Village Board and posted upon the premise containing the Village drop off site.

1.15 Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials. Except as otherwise directed by the Village Board, occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences shall do the following for the preparation and collection of the separated materials specified in s. 1.11(5) through (15): *(for example, will materials be collected together curbside or brought to drop-off programs. This information could describe how materials should be prepared for processing by the recycling facility, such as rinsing containers and replacing caps, flattening cardboard boxes, do not crush cans, do not place in plastic bags, etc. The materials could be combined rather than listed separately.)*

- 1) Aluminum containers shall be rinsed free of product residue and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 2) Bi-metal containers shall be rinsed free of product residue and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 3) Corrugated paper or other container board shall be free of debris, flattened and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 4) Foam polystyrene packaging shall be free of debris, flattened and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.

- 5) Glass containers shall be rinsed free of product residue and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 6) Magazines shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 7) Newspaper shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 8) Office paper shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 9) Rigid plastic containers shall be rinsed free of product residue, caps removed and placed in the designated receptacle for curb side collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 10) Steel containers shall be rinsed free of product residue and shall be placed in the designated receptacle for curb collection on designated dates as per calendar.
- 11) Waste tires shall be discarded only by contracting with a licensed private waste disposal firm for proper collection, recycling and disposal.

1.16 *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 s. 1.11(5) through (15):
 - a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established in compliance with the ordinance. The number of recycling containers shall equal or be greater than the number of trash containers and at least one of the following shall be met:
 - i. The minimum total volume of recycling container space is equal to 20 gallons per week per dwelling unit.
 - ii. The ratio of trash container volume to recycling container volume is at most 2:1.
 - iii. An alternative method that does not result in the overflow of a recycling container during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.
 - b) Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semi-annually 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 tenants which materials are collected, how to prepare the materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site.
- 2) The requirements specified in 1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings if the postconsumer 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 s. 1.11(5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

1.17 *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 s. 1.11(5) through (15):
 - (a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established under this section. The total volume of recycling containers shall be sufficient to avoid overflow during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.
 - (b) Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) Notify users, tenants and occupants which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site.
- 2) The requirements specified in 1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties if the postconsumer 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 s. 1.11 (5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

1.18 *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 of the materials specified in s. 1.11 (5) through (15) that have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.

1.19 *Enforcement.

- 1) For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, any authorized officer, employee or representative of the Village of Eden Board may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, postconsumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties, and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the Village of Eden board who requests access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.
- 2) Any person who violates the provision of this ordinance may be issued a citation by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office 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.
- 3) Penalties for violating this ordinance may be assessed as follows:

- (a) Any person who violates s. 1.18 may be required to forfeit \$50 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and not more than \$2000 for a third or subsequent violation.
- (b) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except s. 1.18, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 or more than \$1000 for each violation.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Adopted this 21 day of October.

VILLAGE OF EDEN

By: Kevin Goebel, Village President
Kevin Goebel

ATTEST:
Kari Schlefke, Village Clerk
Kari Schlefke

COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE PLAN Purpose: This policy will establish standard guidelines that will lead to compliance with the Village of Eden recycling ordinance.

The Village of Eden is responsible for enforcing the state statute recycling ordinance. The Village of Eden's staff and personnel shall follow the guidelines, with the assistance of Harter's Lakeside Disposal, identified in this Compliance Assurance Plan in response to issues associated with recycling and solid waste. This plan is intended to meet the requirements of s. NR 544.04 (9g), Wis. Adm. Code as well as Village of Eden recycling ordinance.

Problem: Property found to have no methods for recycling in place.

Compliance Strategy:

1st Response: The Village will send a letter to the property reminding them of the requirement to comply with local recycling ordinances. Other educational materials will also be provided as needed.

2nd Response: The Village will send a letter to the property owner giving them 30 days to comply with local recycling ordinances. Copy of letter shall be sent to citation officer.

After 30 days has passed The Village shall inspect the property to determine if the property is in compliance with the ordinance. If found to be non-compliant, citation officer shall issue the property owner a citation per code.

Problem: Unacceptable materials found mixed with recyclables.

Compliance Strategy:

1st Response: Recycling route driver/ Company shall notify the resident and The Village of Eden within 24 hours thereafter of reason for the non-collection of the container and leave at curb.

2nd Response: Continued occurrences shall result in a letter issued by the Village of Eden.

3rd Response: If compliance is not achieved citation officer shall issue a citation per code.

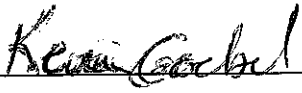
Problem: Recyclable materials found in trash.

Compliance Strategy:

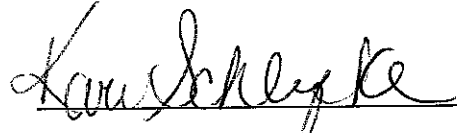
1st Response: Garbage route driver/ Company shall collect material and contact the Village of Eden of obvious violations of recycling material being placed in garbage containers.

2nd Response: Continued occurrences shall result in letter issued by the Village of Eden.

3rd Response: If compliance is not achieved citation officer shall issue a citation per code.



Village of Eden President Kevin Goebel,



Clerk Kari Schlefke

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