

ORDINANCE NO. 168

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, WISCONSIN.**

BE IT, HEREBY, ORDAINED, by the Village Board of the Village of Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, as follows:

**1.01 Title.** Recycling Ordinance for Village of Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, 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 Section 159.11, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter NR 544, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**1.03 Statutory Authority.** This ordinance is adopted under Section 159.09(3)(b), Wisconsin Statutes.

**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 Chapter 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 Chapter 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 Village of Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin.

**1.08 Administration.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Village Board for the Village of Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin.

**1.09 Effective Date.** The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1995.

**1.10 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) "Foam polystyrene packaging" means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria:

(a) Is designated 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) "HDPE" means high density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI code #2.

(5) "LDPE" means low density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI code #4.

(6) "Magazines" means magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.

(7) "Major appliance" means a residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, residential or commercial furnace, boiler, dehumidifier, water heater or stove.

(8) "Multiple-family dwelling" means a property containing 5 or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.

(9) "Newspaper" means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint.

(10) "Non-residential facilities and properties" means commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and governmental facilities and properties. This term does not include multiple family dwellings.

- (11) "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.
- (12) "Other resins or multiple resins" means plastic resins labeled by the SPI code #7.
- (13) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local governmental unit, as defined in Section 66.299(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, state agency or authority or federal agency.
- (14) "PETE" means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the SPI code #1.
- (15) "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.
- (16) "Postconsumer waste" means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in Section 144.61(5), Wisconsin Statutes, waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste, as defined in Section 144.44(7)(a)1., Wisconsin Statutes.
- (17) "PP" means polypropylene, labeled by the SPI code #5.
- (18) "PS" means polystyrene, labeled by the SPI code #6.
- (19) "PVC" means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the SPI code #3.
- (20) "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.
- (21) "Solid waste" has the meaning specified in Section 144.01(15), Wisconsin Statutes.
- (22) "Solid waste facility" has the meaning specified in Section 144.43(5), Wisconsin Statutes.
- (23) "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.
- (24) "Waste tire" means a tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
- (25) "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 Section 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 Section 1.11 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- (2) Solid waste which is burned as a supplemental fuel at a facility if less than 30% of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplemental fuel.
- (3) A recyclable material specified in Section 1.11(5) through (15) for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under Section 159.11(2m), Wisconsin Statutes, or Section NR 544.14, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**1.13 Care of Separated Recyclable Materials.** To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with Section 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 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:

- (1) Lead acid batteries shall be taken to the recycling trailer. All battery caps must be in place.
- (2) Major appliances will be picked up at the curb at the time of the regular garbage pickup. For each appliance picked up at the curb, there will be a \$30.00 fee, with the fee subject to adjustment by the Village Board, to be added to the quarterly water, garbage and sewer statement from the Village.
- (3) Waste oil shall be taken to the recycling trailer. The oil must be in an enclosed and capped container. Use of plastic milk containers is acceptable.
- (4) Yard waste shall be taken only to the compost pile. Wood shall be taken only to the burn site, and shall be without paint or nails.

**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 Section 1.11(5) through (15):

- (1) Aluminum containers shall be separated and taken to the recycling trailer. Only used beverage cans shall be included.
- (2) Bi-metal containers shall be separated and taken to the recycling trailer. Only used beverage cans shall be included.
- (3) Corrugated paper or other container board shall be clean, flattened, and bundled in bundles not more than 12 inches high and 24 inches wide and 36 inches long. This does not include waxed cardboard or "chipboard" such as cereal boxes, shoeboxes, and similar materials.
- (4) Foam polystyrene packaging shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.
- (5) Glass containers shall be clean, with cap and neck rings removed. Labels may remain on glass. Glass must be color separated into clear, brown, and green. Blue glass may be placed with green glass. Glass should not be broken. Glass does not include ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex, lead-based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
- (6) Magazines shall be placed in a brown paper grocery bag and taken to the recycling trailer, or placed with mixed paper (See #8 below).
- (7) Newspaper, including newspaper advertisements, shall be bundled in bundles not more than 12 inches high, or placed in a brown paper grocery bag, and taken to the recycling trailer. Newspapers do not include catalogs, magazines, cardboard, or other paper products.
- (8) Office paper may be placed in a brown paper grocery bag and taken to the recycling trailer, or placed with mixed paper. Mixed papers shall be bundled in bundles not more than 12 inches high or placed in a brown paper grocery bag and taken to the recycling trailer. Mixed paper includes

all grades of papers: including white, colored, ledger, shiny, coated, carbonless or NCR papers; envelopes, including windowed, labeled, and kraft; magazines, phone books, computer print out paper, glued pads and tablets, file folders, keypunch cards, spiral notebooks, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc. Can include paper clips and staples. Does not include hand towels or other paper products from restrooms, or soiled napkins and paper plates. Also does not include carbon paper, cellophane, or any waxed papers.

(9) Rigid plastic containers shall be prepared and collected as follows:

(a) Plastic containers made of PETE, labeled by the SPI Code #1, shall be clean, flattened, and taken to the recycling trailer. Caps must be removed. Labels and neck rings can remain on the container. Does not include motor oil bottles, even if they are labeled by the SPI Code #1.

(b) Plastic containers made of HDPE, labeled by the SPI Code #2, shall be clean, flattened, and taken to the recycling trailer. Caps must be removed. Labels and neck rings can remain on the container. Does not include motor oil bottles, even if they are labeled by the SPI Code #2.

(c) Plastic containers made of PVC, labeled by the SPI Code #3, shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.

(d) Plastic containers made of LDPE, labeled by the SPI Code #4, shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.

(e) Plastic containers made of PP, labeled by the SPI Code #5, shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.

(f) Plastic containers made of PS, labeled by the SPI Code #6, shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.

(g) Plastic containers made of other resins or multiple resins, labeled by the SPI Code #7, shall be subject to future recycling direction from the Village Board, if subsequently banned from landfills by state laws.

(10) Steel containers and tin coated metal cans shall be clean, flattened, and taken to the recycling trailer. Labels must be removed and both ends must be cut out. Cut out ends are recyclable. Tin cans with "molded or round bottoms" can be recycled without the "molded or round bottom" removed, provided the can has been rinsed and labels have been removed.

(11) Waste tires will be picked up at the curb at the time of the regular garbage pickup. For each tire, a charge will be added to the quarterly water, garbage and sewer bill. The cost per tire, subject to adjustment by the Village Board, shall be \$3.00 for tires of 15" and under and \$5.00 for tires of 16" and over.

(12) All non-recyclable materials shall be placed in clear, transparent plastic bags or in open containers.

### **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 Section 1.11(5) through (15):

- (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 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 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 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 Section 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 Section 1.11(5) through (15):

- (a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.
- (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 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 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 Section 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 Section 1.11(5) through (15) which 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 Dorchester, Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, 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 Dorchester, Dorchester, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, 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 a provision of this ordinance may be issued a citation by the Village of Dorchester Police Department 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 Section 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 Section 1.18, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$1000 for each violation.

**1.20** All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**1.21** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted and approved by the Village Board of the Village of Dorchester this 7th day of December, 1994; and signed this 7th day of December, 1994.



VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

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Laurence Ehlers, President

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Judy Robida, Clerk

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