

## CHAPTER 13

### GARBAGE / RECYCLING ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Greenbush, does hereby ordain as follows:

#### 13.01 Intent

The Town Board of the Town of Greenbush hereby finds that there is an increasing necessity to conserve material resources and landfill space. Newspapers, household plastics, glass, aluminum cans, tin cans and yard waste comprise a substantial portion of solid waste materials and can be separated from other solid waste materials and recycled without imposing a burden upon the residents and businesses of the Town and will reduce the volume of solid waste material collected by the contractor designated by the Town.

#### 13.02 Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) Collector means the persons or firm authorized by the Town to collect garbage, rubbish or recyclable materials and dispose of the same.
- (b) Garbage means and includes all organic kitchen waste that attends the storage, preparation, use, cooking or service of food.
- (c) Newspapers means matter printed on newsprint including daily or weekly publications and advertising circulars, normally mailed or delivered to a household, but does not include books, magazines, catalogs or similar publications.
- (d) Recyclable materials means aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, newspapers, magazines, #1 & 2 plastic bottles & jugs, junk mail, shredded paper, brown paper bags and broken down cardboard.
- (e) Rubbish means and includes all other useless waste.
- (f) Solid waste means all waste defined in subparagraphs (b) thru (e) above.

#### 13.03 REQUIRED SEPARATION OF SOLID WASTE FOR RECYCLING

Commencing the owners or occupants of each residence, residential unit, place of business or commerce shall cooperate in the recycling of recyclable material by performing the following manner:

- (a) All recyclable materials shall be separated from other solid waste in the following groups: aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottles & jars, newspapers, magazines, #1 & 2 plastic bottles & jugs, junk mail, shredded paper, brown paper bags and broken down cardboard or in the DNR's Single Stream Recycling Program.
- (b) Such recyclable materials shall be placed in containers designated by the collector and stored for pickup in a place designated by the collector at a time to be designated by the collector.

**13.04 RECYCLABLE MATERIAL PROPERTY OF COLLECTOR**

All recyclable materials collected and deposited as provided herein shall be the property of the collector.

**13.05 PREPARATION OF SOLID WASTE FOR COLLECTION**

- (a) All other solid waste shall be drained and placed in clear plastic bags as designated by the collector and placed at the curb for collection.
- (b) The Town Board may direct to authorize collection in containers in a manner different that prescribed herein as conditions shall warrant.
- (c) The collector may refuse any garbage or rubbish not placed for collection in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**13.06 ITEMS NOT TO BE PLACED FOR PICKUP**

Large amounts of stone, concrete, rubber, earth, sod, tree stumps, or trunks, grass, leaves or brush.

**13.07 COLLECTION FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

In a further attempt to reduce costs the Town shall not be responsible for the collection of garbage, solid waste, rubbish or recyclable materials and the disposal of the same for the industrial property. Any owner of industrial property shall be required to contract with a collector and shall be responsible for the cost of the collection of garbage, rubbish, solid waste or recyclable material.

**13.08 COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE PLAN**

This policy will establish standard guidelines that will lead to compliance with the Town of Greenbush's recycling ordinance. The Town's Clerk and Chairman are responsible for enforcing the Town of Greenbush's recycling ordinance. The Town of Greenbush's staff and personnel shall follow the guidelines identified in the 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 Town of Greenbush's recycling ordinance. If a resident of the Town of Greenbush is not recycling properly than the following procedures will take place.

- (a) The collector of the garbage, rubbish, solid waste and recyclable materials will post a note on the items that not in compliance with the above garbage / recycling program. Examples of these are:
  - a. Recyclable materials mixed with garbage
  - b. Garbage mixed with recyclable materials
- (b) If a second note is posted at the same residence the Town Clerk or Chairman will send a letter to property owner reminding them of the requirement to comply with local recycling ordinances. Other educational materials will also be provided as needed.
- (c) If a third note is posted at the same residence the Town Clerk or Chairman shall send a letter to property owner giving them 30 days to comply with local recycling ordinances. A copy of the letter shall be sent to a citation officer.

- (d) After 30 days has passed the Town Clerk or Chairman along with a citation officer shall inspect the property to determine if the property is in compliance with ordinance. If found to be non-compliant, the citation officer shall issue the property owner a citation per code.

**13.09 VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENTS**

- (a) Any person who shall violate any provisions of the section including placement of garbage and rubbish containing recyclable material for collection contrary to the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 together with the penalty assessment and costs of prosecution. Each day or incident of violation shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of the penalty provided herein, the court may order he violator to clean up, remove, and pay the costs of cleanup or removal of any garbage, solid waste or rubbish placed in violation of this section.
- (b) The Town's collector shall refuse to pick up any solid waste, garbage or rubbish containing any recyclable material.