

## Chapter 57

### RECYCLING REGULATIONS

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**Sec. 57.01 Title.**

This chapter shall be known as the “Recycling Ordinance for Town of Three Lakes, Oneida County.”

(Ord. of 11-2-2010)

**Sec. 57-02. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in Wis. Stats. § 287.11 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 544.

(Ord. of 11-2-2010)

**Sec. 57-03. Statutory authority.**

This chapter is adopted as authorized under the provisions of Wis. Stats. § 287.09(3)(b).

(Ord. of 11-2-2010)

**Sec. 57-04. 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.

**Sec. 57-05. 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, Wis. 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.

**Sec. 57-06. 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.

**Sec. 57-07. Applicability.**

The requirements of this ordinance apply to all persons within the boundaries of the Town of Three Lakes.

**Sec. 57-08. Administration.**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Town Clerk of the Town of Three Lakes.

**Sec. 57-09. Effective Date.**

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on passage, publication and adoption of this ordinance.

**Sec. 57-10. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*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.

*Nonresidential facilities and properties* mean commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and governmental facility and properties. This term does not include multiple-family dwellings.

*Office paper* means high-grade printing and writing papers from offices in nonresidential facilities and properties. Examples include printed white ledger and computer printouts.  
*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.

*Postconsumer waste* means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 291.01(7), waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high volume industrial waste, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 289.01(17).

*Recyclable materials* means and shall include:

- (1) Aluminum cans;
- (2) Container glass (clear, brown and green);
- (3) Container plastic (bottles only), including #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 PP, #6 PS, #7 other;
- (4) Corrugated cardboard which remains in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling;
- (5) Ferrous metal which are tin cans, steel and bimetal cans;
- (6) Magazines, or like glossy papers which remain in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling;
- (7) Newspaper, portions of newspapers or periodicals in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling;
- (8) Office paper;
- (9) Polystyrene, packaging foam;
- (10) Scrap metal recyclables which are those items consisting of a majority of ferrous metals or aluminum which is suitable for recycling;
- (11) Used lead acid vehicle batteries, which are no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect;
- (12) Waste oil, engine, hydraulic or gear oil, with no contaminants of gasoline or solvents;

- (13) Waste tires which is that portion of a tire which is removed from the rim and is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage and defect;
- (14) White goods which are appliances, including but not limited to refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioners, dishwashers, water heaters;
- (15) Yard waste which is leaves, wood, limbs and brush less than six inches in diameter, grass, and lawn rakings.

“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.

### **Sec. 57-11. 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

\*Note: Denotes materials for which DNR has granted a waiver from separation and collection requirements and landfill/incineration bans.

### **Sec. 57-12. Separation Requirements Exempted.**

The separation requirements of s. 57-11 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. 57-11 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. 1.1(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. Administrative Code.

**Sec. 57-13. Care of Separated Recyclable Materials.** To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with s. 57-11 shall be clean and kept free from 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.

**Sec. 57-14. 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 delivered to any retailer engaged in the sale of batteries, to a licensed hauler, or to a department of natural resources authorized facility and/or program.
2. Major appliances shall be delivered to the transfer site located in Three Lakes, where they will be accepted subject to the payment of a fee; to a licensed hauler; or to a department of natural resources authorized facilities and/or program.
3. Waste oil shall be placed in unbreakable leak proof containers and delivered to a licensed hauler, or to any department of natural resources authorized faculty and/or program.
4. Yard waste can be home composted or delivered to any department of natural resources authorized facility or program as well as delivered to the transfer site located in Three Lakes where they will be accepted subject to a fee.

**Sec. 57-15. Preparation and care of separated recyclable material.**

Recyclables must be separated from other solid waste and prepared prior to a collection or being deposited at a collection point per requirements of the Licensed Recyclables Hauler and designated Self-certified Material Recovery Facility.

**Sec. 57-16. Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multiple-Family Dwellings.**

- 1) Owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings shall do all the following to recycle the materials specified in s. 57-11(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 swelling 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 and hours 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 swellings is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in s. 57-11(5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

**Sec. 57-17. 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. 57-11(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 the materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle material 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. 57-11(5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

**Sec. 57-18. 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. 57-11 (5) through (15) which have

been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility. A person may dispose of a microwave oven in a solid waste disposal facility in this state if the capacitor has been removed and disposed of in accordance with s. 299.45 (7), Wis. Stats., if applicable.

**Sec. 57-19. Enforcement.**

1) For the purposes of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this article, any authorized officers, employees, or representative of the town of Three Lakes may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, post consumer waste intended for disposal, recycling 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 propriety information. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the town, who requests access for the purpose 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 article may be issued a citation by the Town of Three Lakes 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 section.

3) Penalties for violating this article may be assessed as follows:

(a) Any person who violates sections 57-18 may be required to forfeit \$50 for a first violation, \$200.00 for a second violation, and not more than \$2000.00 for a third or subsequent violation.

(b) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except s. 57.18, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$1000 for each violation.

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TOWN OF THREE LAKES

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Town Board of the Town of Three Lakes voted on February 3, 2026 to amend Article VII Fees and Charges; Chapter 57 Recycling Regulations and Chapter 62 Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places.

The ordinance is available for inspection at the Town Office and will be posted on the Town's website at [www.townofthreelakeswi.gov](http://www.townofthreelakeswi.gov).

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s.60.80 Wis. Stats.

SUSAN HARRIS, Clerk  
Town of Three Lakes  
715-546-3316

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.



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Roger B Brisk, Town Chairman



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Susan L. Harris, Town Clerk

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