
TITLE V PUBLIC ORDER, SAFETY, AND HEALTH

CHAPTER 7 MANDATORY RECYLCING PROGRAM

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5-7-1 TITLE. An Ordinance establishing a mandatory program for the separation of recyclable materials in order to facilitate collection and encourage recycling.

5-7-2 SEPARATION REQUIRED. Commencing March 1, 1994, every person or entity disposing of solid waste or recyclable materials in the County of Sac shall separate recyclable materials from garbage, rubbish, and other solid waste. This shall apply to the owner or occupant of each residence or residential unit and the owner or occupant of each non-residential agricultural, commercial, or industrial premises authorized to place waste in the county landfill.

5-7-3 DISPOSITION OF RECYCLABLES. Recyclable materials shall not be placed in the county landfill on or after March 1, 1994. Persons or entities shall place recyclable materials in county approved containers for collections, or in the alternative, shall deliver recyclable materials to the recycling center or to the containers at the sanitary landfill.

5-7-4 DEFINITIONS

1. "Collector" means the person, persons or entity specifically authorized by the City Councils to collect garbage, rubbish and recyclable materials and to dispose of same. Rural patrons shall constitute self-collectors.

2. "Garbage" means all waste that rots and decomposes.

3. "Rubbish" means all waste which does NOT easily rot or decompose, nor is considered recyclable.

4. "Demolition waste" means construction waste, tree stumps, brush and stone.

5. "Solid waste" means all garbage, rubbish, and demolition waste as herein defined.

6. "Newspapers" means printed matter on newsprint but excludes books, magazines, catalogs or similar publications.

7. "Heavy metal" means all large, heavy objects made predominantly of metal, including but not limited to all metal appliances.

8. "Recyclable material" means:

- a. Newspaper
- b. High grade paper
- c. Glass (brown, green and clear)
- d. Metal (aluminum, steel, tin, copper, brass, iron and others)
- e. Unwaxed, corrugated cardboard
- f. Tires
- g. Motor vehicle batteries
- h. Motor oil
- i. Leaves and non-woody vegetative material
- j. High-density polyethylene (HDPE) and polyethylene (PET) plastic containers
- k. Household paper shall include: chipboard, magazines, catalogs, slicks, non-white "junk mail," and paperboard egg cartons

9. "Non-recyclable material" means all material not having a present, economic, reusable value. Examples include but are not limited to:

- a. Pyrex and window glass
- b. Light bulbs
- c. Styrofoam and melamine plastics
- d. Waxed paper and waxed cardboard
- e. Bound publications, including magazines
- f. Books
- g. Garbage
- h. Rubbish

5-7-5 SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

1. **Separation Required.** Commencing Marcy 1, 1994, every person or entity disposing of solid waste or recyclable materials in Sac County shall separate recyclable materials from garbage, rubbish and other solid waste.

This shall apply to the owner or occupant of each residence or residential unit and the owner or occupant of each non-residential, commercial and industrial premises authorized to place waste in the Sac County sanitary landfill.

2. **Disposition of Recyclables.** Recyclable materials shall not be placed in the Sac County sanitary landfill on or after March 1, 1994.

Urban persons or entities shall place recyclable materials in city/county-approved containers for collection; rural patrons shall deliver recyclable materials to the recycling center located in Sac

City or to the sanitary landfill.

3. **Disposition of Demolition Waste and Heavy Metal Objects.** Any person disposing of demolition waste and heavy metal objects shall transport such waste to the county's designated site. Demolition waste shall not be placed in the county sanitary landfill.

5-7-6 CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION.

1. **Solid Waste.** Solid waste, not including recyclable materials, shall be placed in plastic bags and/or in tapered portable receptacles made of substantial metal or plastic construction provided with at least two handles and a tight fitting cover with capacities not to exceed 32 gallons per container. When filled, bags/containers shall weigh no more than 75 pounds per bag/container.

2. **Recyclables.** Recyclable materials shall be placed in separate containers for recyclables.

3. **Larger Quantities of Solid Waste.** Persons or entities disposing of a large quantity of solid waste and recyclable materials shall use separate, city/county approved marked and covered dumpsters for the separated solid waste and recyclable materials.

5-7-7 PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION. Recyclable materials shall be prepared for collection in the manner described below:

1. Newspapers shall be bundled, boxed or place in paper sacks.
2. High grade white paper shall be bundled, boxed or placed in paper sacks (staples and paper clips and envelopes with cellophane windows must first be removed).
3. Glass shall be unbroken, rinsed, metal caps and rings removed, and placed in the recyclable container(s), either curbside or at the recycling center or at the landfill container.
4. Metal cans (aluminum or other) shall be rinsed, labels removed, and placed in the recyclable container(s), either curbside or at the recycling center or at the landfill container.
5. Corrugated cardboard shall be flattened, bundled, and placed in or under the recyclable container(s), either curbside or at the recycling center or at the landfill container.
6. Tires shall be taken to the landfill proper. A disposal fee will be assessed.
7. Motor vehicle batteries shall be taken to a salvage yard or returned to the point of purchase.
8. Motor oil shall be taken at the landfill in quantities of less than 1 gallon; over this amount shall be taken to a user of used oil.

9. Leaves and non-woody vegetation shall be placed in plastic trash bags. This is mechanically land applied at the landfill.

10. HDPE and PET plastic shall be rinsed, metal and plastic rings removed, labels removed, and placed in the recyclable container(s), either curbside or at the landfill container.

5-7-8 REFUSAL OF SERVICE. The collector shall refuse to furnish collection service to any person not complying with, or refusing to comply with, this ordinance for the collection of garbage, rubbish and other solid waste, and the separation of recyclable materials.

5-7-9 COLLECTION BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. From the time of placement of recyclable materials at the collection point for collection by the County of Sac or its authorized agent(s) in accordance with the terms herein, recyclable materials shall be and become the property of Sac County or its authorized agent(s). It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person not authorized by Sac County to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any such recyclable materials. Any and each such collection in violation hereof from any one recyclable material container shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided.

5-7-10 CITIZEN RECYCLING COMMITTEE CREATED. The landfill Board of Directors shall oversee and develop policy, enforcement and information programs to implement the provisions of this ordinance. The committee shall be responsible to the Sac County Board of Supervisors. Accepted recyclable materials may differ periodically as economic changes are made. A notice will be posted of a change no less than 30 days from instigation.

5-7-11 PENALTY. The penalty for the violation of any section of this ordinance shall be a forfeiture of not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) together with the costs of prosecution.

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