

**Town of Dodgeville Code of Ordinances**  
**Chapter 1 Solid Waste and Recycling Revision (4/21/2026)**  
**April 21st, 2026**

The Board of the Town of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Pursuant to Town Board action on April 21st, 2026 Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 1

**SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING (Revised 04/16/2026)**

**Sec. 1-1 Purpose and Authorization.**

- A) *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 Chapter NR 544, Wis. Administrative Code.
- B) *Authorization.* This ordinance is adopted as authorized under s. 287.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats.
- C) *Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.* It is not intended by this ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annual, 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.
- D) *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 Wis. Stats. 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.
- E) *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. 1-2 Applicability and Administration.**

- A) *Applicability.* The requirements of this ordinance apply to all persons within the Town of Dodgeville.

- B) *Administration.* The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Board or their designee.
- C) *Effective Date.* The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.
- D) *Local Government Purchasing.* The Town of Dodgeville shall, to the extent practicable, make purchasing decisions to maximize the purchasing of products made from recovered materials. The Town of Dodgeville shall, to the extent practicable, award contracts for equipment and supplies on the basis of recyclability and ultimate disposition of products to discourage the purchase of single-use disposable products and require purchase of multiple-use, durable products.
- E) *Unauthorized Garbage.*
  - 1) No person shall dispose of or dump garbage in any street, road or other public place within the Town of Dodgeville or in any receptacles on private property without the owner's consent unless it is placed in bags or containers in the manner and in the times specified in this ordinance.
  - 2) No person shall bring refuse for disposal (and recyclables) from outside the corporate limits into the Town unless authorized by agreement with the Town of Dodgeville.

**Sec. 1-3        Definitions.**

- A) For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions are utilized:
  - 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*" mean packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria:
    - a) Is designed for service 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, stove, boiler, dehumidifier or water heater.
- 9) "*Multiple-family dwelling*" means a property containing 5 or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
- 10) "*Newspaper*" means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint
- 11) "*Non-residential facilities and properties*" means commercial, retail, industrial, agricultural, 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*" means plastic resins labeled by the resin code #7.
- 14) "*Person*" includes any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, local governmental 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) "*Post consumer 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.

**Sec. 1-4 Mandatory Recyclable Materials.**

A) *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, non-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
- 16) Light Bulbs

B) *Separation Requirements Exempted.* These 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 those 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 supplemental fuel at a facility if less than 30% of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as a supplemental 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. Administrative code.
- C) *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 that protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather conditions.
- D) *Non-disposable materials.* No person shall place for disposal any of the following wastes: hazardous and toxic wastes, chemicals, explosives, flammable liquids, paint, varnishes, stains, tires, stumps, construction debris, carcasses, oil filters, thermometers, waste oil, yard waste, medications and medical wastes.

**Sec. 1-5 Preparation, collection and management of lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, yard waste, recyclable materials and solid waste.**

A) *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 (vehicle) and non-lead acid batteries shall be taken to a retail business that sells vehicle batteries. Other batteries (such as flashlight and household) are collected at the Recycling Center.
- 2) Major appliances shall be taken to a retail business which handles used appliances or to a scrap dealer certified to handle major appliances, or to the Town of Dodgeville Recycling Center when there are special clean up days for such items.

- 3) Waste oil shall be taken to a facility that collects waste oil.
- 4) Yard waste shall not be disposed of as solid waste and every effort shall be made to compost yard waste on the site where it originated.

B) *Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials.* Except as otherwise directed by the Town Board or its designee, 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). All of the following materials shall be placed in the appropriate designated receptacle at the Town of Dodgeville drop-off site during the days and hours of operation.

- 1) Aluminum containers shall be rinsed free of product residue.
- 2) Bi-Metal containers shall be rinsed free of product residue.
- 3) Glass containers of the all colors are to be recycled and shall be rinsed free of product. Labels do not have to be removed.
- 4) Corrugated paper or other container board shall be free of debris and flattened.
- 5) Foam polystyrene packaging shall be free of debris.
- 6) Magazines, Newspapers, and office paper should not be placed in a plastic bag.
- 7) Rigid plastic containers shall be rinsed free of product residue.
- 8) Steel containers shall be rinsed free of product residue. The containers do not need to be flattened.
- 9) Waste tires shall not be disposed of as solid waste. They shall be returned to an automotive tire dealer or to an approved waste tire recycler or to the Town of Dodgeville Recycling Center when there are special clean-up days for such items.

Specified Containers. Solid waste shall be delivered in plastic bags, not to exceed 40 gallons, and contained in a manner to avoid litter, or in open containers, not to exceed 40 gallons, which are dumped into the collector hopper.

C) *Responsibilities of Owners or Agents of Multiple-Family Dwelling.* 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).

- 1) Contract with a Commercial Solid Waste Management Company for on-site disposal of solid waste and recycling materials of tenants.
- 2) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable 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.
- 3) Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semi-annually thereafter about the established recycling program.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) The requirements specified in C) 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 it technically feasible.

D) *Responsibilities of Owners or Agents of non-Residential Facilities and properties.* Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in s. 1-4(a) and 1-11(B).

- a. Contract with a Commercial Solid Waste Management Company for on-site disposal of solid waste and recycling materials of tenants.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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 materials not collected on-site.
  - f. The requirements specified in D) 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 material specified in s. 1.11 (5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- E) *Anti scavenging of recyclables.* No person, unless under contract with the Town of Dodgeville, shall collect or remove any recyclable material that has been deposited or placed in the designated receptacle at the Town of Dodgeville drop-off site for the purposes of collection for recycling.
- F) *Exemptions.* The Town Board reserves the right to designate additional solid waste materials as recyclable in accordance with state law and to either add or delete them from any collection services provided by the Town of Dodgeville. The Town Board or its designee shall provide written notice to its service recipients of this declaration through official postings.

**Sec. 1-6 Preparation, collection and management of solid waste materials.**

- A) *Separation of Solid Waste Materials from Recyclable Materials.* Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate recyclable materials from post-consumer solid waste.
- B) *Multiple Family Dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties as defined in Section C & D on Page 7 & 8.* These properties shall contract with a Commercial Solid Waste Management Company for on-site disposal of solid waste and recycling materials.

**Sec. 1-7 Hauler Specifications.**

- A) *Hauler licensing.* No person or corporation shall engage in the business of hauling recyclables within the Town of Dodgeville without being licensed by the Department of Natural Resources under s. NR 502, Wis. Administrative Code.
- B) *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 material 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.
- C) *Right to Reject Materials.* The drop off attendant has the right to reject any recyclable material that is not prepared according to the specifications of s. 1-5(b). Materials may also be rejected if not separated from solid waste, placed in the proper container, or are not designated recyclable materials for collection. The drop off attendant also has the right to reject any solid waste if it contains recyclable containers and material. In such cases, the drop off attendant shall notify the generator of the materials about the reasons for rejecting the items in writing. The drop off attendant shall also keep a list of such occurrences and provide it to the Town of Dodgeville on a weekly basis.
- D) *Reporting Requirements.* The recycling hauler and processor operation in the Town of Dodgeville is required to maintain records and report in writing to the Town Office at least once each year. Reports shall include: the amount of solid waste and recyclables collected and transported for the Town of Dodgeville; the amount of solid waste and recyclable material. Failure to report shall be cause for the Town of Dodgeville to sever the contract with the hauler / processor.

**Sec. 1-8 Enforcement.**

- A) For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, any authorized officer, employee, or representative of the Town of Dodgeville may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, postconsumer waste intended for disposal,

recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of multiple-family dwelling and non-residential facilities and properties, and any records related 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 Town of Dodgeville who requests access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.

B) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance may be issued a citation by the Town Chairman or their designee 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.

C) Penalties for violation this ordinance may be assessed as follows:

1) Any person who violates s. 1-7(b) may be required to forfeit \$50 for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation, and not more than \$2000 for a third or subsequent violation.

2) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except s. 1-7(b), may be required to forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$1000 for each violation.

2. This amendment shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.


3. Adopted and approved this 21st day of April, 2026.

TOWN OF DODGEVILLE



Curt Peterson, Town Chairman

COUNTERSIGNED:



Sara Olson, Clerk/Treasurer

