

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE 2026-3-1

AMENDING SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 6, CHAPTER 4

WHEREAS, recent revisions (effective July 1, 2025) to Wis. Administrative Code Chapter NR 544 overseeing effective recycling programs require all Responsible Units (Rus) to adopt a new recycling ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Town Board wishes to incorporate these minor changes by amending the Springdale Recycling Ordinance as detailed in red below:

1.01 Title. Recycling Ordinance for the Town of Springdale

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 s. 287.11, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 544, Wis. Administrative Code.

1.03 Statutory Authority. This ordinance is adopted as authorized under Sec. 287.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats., and any pertinent Dane County Ordinances which may apply.

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, 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.

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, entities and appropriate waste generating activities within the corporate limits of the Town of Springdale.

1.08 Administration. The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Town of Springdale.

1.09 Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on ~~June 1, 2019~~ March 17, 2026.

1.10 Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- 1) "Aluminum container" means a container for food or beverage products made of aluminum.

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- 2) "Bi-metal container" means a container for food or beverage products that is made primarily of a combination of steel and aluminum.
- 3) "Collector/Hauler" means the contractor or entity chosen by the Town Board to handle transport and dispose of the community's solid waste, recyclables and non-recyclables, or, person or persons contracting with waste generators for services, and will enforce preparation standards for recyclable materials as well as community compliance with this source separation recycling program.
- 4) "Container board" means corrugated paperboard ~~and boxboard~~ used in the manufacture of shipping containers, ~~cereal or laundry boxes, holders for beverage cans~~ and related products.
- 5) "Foam polystyrene packaging" means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria:
 - a) Is designed 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.
- 6) "Glass Container" means ~~and unbroken~~ 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.
- 7) "HDPE" means high density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI resin code # 2.
- 8) "LDPE" means low density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI resin code # 4.
- 9) "Magazines" means magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.
- 10) "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.
- 11) "Multiple-family dwelling" means a property containing 2 or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
- 12) "Newspaper" means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint.
- 13) "Non-residential facilities and properties" means commercial, retail, industrial, 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.
- 14) "Office paper" means a variety of 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, newspaper or packaging.
- 15) "Other resins or multiple resins" mean plastic resins labeled by the SPI resin code # 7.
- 16) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, local government unit, as defined in s. 66.0131(1)(a), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.
- 17) "PETE" or "PET" means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the SPI resin code # 1.
- 18) "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.

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- 19) "Postconsumer 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.
- 20) "PP" means polypropylene, labeled by the SPI resin code # 5.
- 21) "PS" means polystyrene, labeled by the SPI resin code # 6.
- 22) "PVC" means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the SPI resin code # 3.
- 23) "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.
- 24) "Solid waste" has the meaning specified in s. 289.01(33), Wis. Stats.
- 25) "Solid waste facility" has the meaning specified in s. 289.01(35), Wis. Stats.
- 26) "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.
- 27) "Steel containers" means steel and tin coated steel cans used for food or beverage and other non-hazardous materials, including empty aerosol cans and cans that held other non-hazardous substances.
- 28) "Waste tire" means a tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
- 29) "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 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 *

* *Additional requirements for these materials are found in Sec. 1.14*

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1.12 Separation Requirements Exempted. The separation requirements of s. 1.11 do not apply to the following:

- 1) Occupants of single family and 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. 1.11 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.

1.13 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 which protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather conditions.

1.14 Management of Recyclable Materials Specified in Sec. 1.11(1) through (4), (8) and (15).

Occupants of single family and multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall make appropriate arrangements for the collection, transportation and disposal/recycling of these items at their own expense.

- 1) Lead acid batteries
- 2) Major appliances
- 3) Waste oil
- 4) Yard waste
- 5) Foam polystyrene packaging
- 6) Waste tires

1.15 Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials. Except as otherwise directed by the Town or the Collector/Hauler, occupants of single-family residences, multi-family residences and non-residential facilities and properties shall do the following for the preparation and collection of the separated materials specified in s. 1.11(5) through (7) and (9) through (14):

- 1) Aluminum containers shall be empty and clean
- 2) Bi-metal containers shall be empty and clean
- 3) Corrugated paper or other container board shall be kept dry, flattened and bundled/tied
- 4) Glass containers shall be empty and clean
- 5) Magazines shall be kept dry, bundled or in a biodegradable bag
- 6) Newspaper shall be kept dry, bundled or in a biodegradable bag
- 7) Office paper shall be kept dry, bundled or in a biodegradable bag – shredded paper shall be fully contained in a biodegradable bag
- 8) Rigid (only, no bags) plastic containers shall be prepared and collected as follows:
 - a) Plastic containers made of PETE, (**SPI resin** code 1), shall be empty and clean
 - b) Plastic containers made of HDPE, (**SPI resin** code 2), shall be empty and clean

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- c) Plastic containers made of PVC, (SPI resin code 3), shall be empty and clean
 - d) Plastic containers made of LDPE, (SPI resin code 4), shall be empty and clean
 - e) Plastic containers made of PP, (SPI resin code 5), shall be empty and clean
 - f) Plastic containers made of PS, (SPI resin code 6), shall be empty and clean
 - g) Plastic containers made of other resins or multiple resins, (SPI resin code 7), shall be empty and clean
- 9) Steel containers shall be empty and clean, excluding aerosol cans which only need to be empty and have their plastic nozzles removed

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 s. 1.11(5) through (15):
 - a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the ~~recyclable materials.~~ 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:
 - a) The minimum total volume of recycling container space is equal to 20 gallons per week per dwelling unit.
 - b) The ratio of trash container volume to recycling container volume is at most 2:1.
 - c) 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 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, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site. 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 s. 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 s. 1.11(5) through (15):
 - a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the ~~recyclable materials.~~ 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.

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- 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 ~~of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site 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 s. 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 s. 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 Town of Springdale 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 Town of Springdale 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 Springdale Town Board 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 s. 1.18 may be required to forfeit \$50 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and not more than \$2,000 for a third or subsequent violation.
 - (b) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except s. 1.18, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 or more than \$1,000 for each violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Springdale, Dane County, Wisconsin, adopts the above changes to be incorporated into the Recycling Ordinance. These changes shall be effective upon adoption and after this Ordinance has been duly noticed and published pursuant to the applicable Wisconsin Statutes.

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Dated this 16th Day of March, 2026.



John Rosenbam, Chair

ATTEST: 

Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk