

Town of Richfield, Wood County, Wisconsin

Ordinance #93-1

RECYCLING LAW

WISCONSIN ACT 335, “The Recycling Law” requires each municipality in the State of Wisconsin to provide for a recycling program. The Towns of Cameron, Lincoln, Marshfield, Richfield and Rock in Wood County and the Town of McMillan in Marathon County have entered into a S. 66:30 Agreement “Intergovernmental Agreement” for recycling services called the Northwest Recycling Board, and does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a mandatory recycling program to divert residential waste away from ultimate disposal at sanitary land fills, and instead reclaim the waste into usable products by means of recycling.

Section 2 – Recycling Material

As of the date of the adoption of this ordinance the following items are declared to be recyclable:

- A. Aluminum Cans: Shall include used beverage cans only (don’t have to be crushed.)
- B. Container Glass: Shall include container glass only. Glass must be washed or rinsed, with caps and neck rings removed. Labels can remain on glass. Glass must be color separated into clear, brown and green. Glass should not be broken. Glass does not include ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex, lead based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes. The roll-off recycling container has different compartments for clear brown and green glass. Blue glass should be placed in the green glass compartment.
- C. Corrugated Cardboard: Shall include clean corrugated cardboard only. Does not include waxed cardboard or “chip board” such as cereal boxes, show boxes and similar materials.
- D. Mixed Papers: Includes all grades of papers, including white, colored, ledger, shiny, coated, carbonless or NCR papers, envelopes, including windowed labeled, and kraft, magazines, phonebooks, computer print out papers; glued pads and

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tablets, file folders, keypunch cards, post it notes, spiral notebooks, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc. Can include paper clips and staples. Does not include hand towels or other paper products from restrooms, or soiled napkins and paper plates. Also does not include carbon paper, cellophane or any waxed paper.

- E. Newspapers: Shall include newspapers and newspaper advertisement. Does not include catalogues, magazines, cardboard or other paper products.
- F. Oil: We can recycle used motor oil from your car or truck. You may keep the container you bring it in if desired.
- G. Plastic Bottles: Must include only plastic bottles clearly marked with the recycling emblem encircling the #1 (PET or PETE), or the #2 (HOPE). Caps and neck rings must be removed. Rinse all bottles. Plastic bottles must have a neck. Containers such as margarine and cool whip are not recycled. Do not recycle motor oil bottles, throw them away. Flatten all plastic bottles.
- H. Tin Cans: Shall include tin coated metal cans, which must be rinsed, labels must be removed, both ends must be cut out, and cans must be flattened. Cut out ends are recycled. Tin cans with molded or round bottoms can be recycled with out the “molded or round bottoms” removed, provided the can has been rinsed and labels have been removed.
- I. Tires: (charge to drop off tires).
- J. Appliances: Includes air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, freezers, hot water heaters, microwave ovens, ovens, refrigerators, and stoves. (charge to drop off appliances).

Section 3

The Northwest Recycling Board has entered into a contract for the drop-off of recycling materials at Valley Sanitation, 501 S Hume Avenue, Marshfield, WI. The roll-off recycling container is open 24 hours a day. Residents may contract with a private carrier for services, at their own expense, to recycle material in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4 – Improper disposal:

No person shall submit for recycling any material not properly prepared as provided for in this ordinance.

Section 5 – Compensation:

Individuals will not be compensated for their recyclable material.

Section 6 - Penalty

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be issued a citation from the Northwest Recycling Board , upon conviction, pay a cash deposit of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), plus court costs.

Section 7 – Severability

Should any part of this ordinance be held invalid by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Passed and adopted by the Northwest Recycling Board on this 3rd day of March, 1993.

For a signed copy please contact the Town of Richfield Clerk.