

Summary of Recycling Requirements for Property Owners

From City of Milwaukee Ordinance to follow State of Wisconsin Law

This is for summary purposes only. For full ordinance language, refer to the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 79, Solid Waste Regulation, Subchapter 2, Recycling.

Chapter 79-25, Separation of Recyclable Materials is Required

- Occupants of single family residences, 2 – 4 unit residences, condominium complexes, multiple family dwellings, and non-residential properties need to separate the following materials from garbage:
 - Aluminum cans
 - Steel/ tin cans
 - Rigid plastic containers made of PETE and HDPE (i.e. bottles, jugs, and tubs from #1 and #2 plastic)
 - Glass jars and bottles
 - Corrugated cardboard and other container board
 - Magazines
 - Newspapers
 - Office paper

Chapter 79-29, Care of Separated Recyclable Materials

- As much as practicable, recycled materials are to be clean and kept free from contaminants such as food or product residue, oil, grease, and other non-recyclable material
- Recyclable materials are to be stored in a way that protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather (i.e. in a lidded cart or bin if stored outside)
- Not following these requirements may result in special charges or fines.

Chapter 79-33, Multiple-Family Dwellings

- Owners, lessees, or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings, as well as those condominium complexes where the department does not provide collection service
 - Provide, at their own cost, adequate, separate containers for recyclable materials that are stored in a convenient location
 - Notify tenants of the recycling program in writing when they first lease and every 6 months thereafter (semi-annually)
 - Provide for the collection of the separated materials to be delivered to a recycling facility

Chapter 79-39, Management of Special Recyclable Materials

- Occupants of single family residences, 2 – 4 unit residences, condominium complexes, multiple-family dwellings, and non-residential facilities and properties shall properly dispose of
 - Lead acid batteries
 - Electronics
 - Major appliances
 - Waste oil and oil filters
 - Yard waste

Chapter 79-47, Penalties, Liens, and Citations

- When an owner becomes responsible for payment of a special charge because of the delinquency of an occupant, the owner may recover the amount of that special charge under sub e and s. 200-20.5