

Recycling Ordinance Number 07142026-1 For the Town of Rock Falls

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote recycling through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in s. 287.11 Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 544 Wis. Adm. Code.

This ordinance is adopted as authorized under s. 287.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats., and The **Town of Rock Falls**.

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.

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 ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, and where the ordinance provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and the ch. NR 544 standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this ordinance, or in effect on the date of the most recent amendment to this ordinance.

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.

The requirements of this ordinance apply to all persons within the **Town of Rock Falls**.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Board of the Town of Rock Falls.

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on July 14, 2026

Definitions for the purpose of this ordinance:

- (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 means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria, is designed for serving food or beverages, consists of loose particles intended to fill space and cushion the packaged article in a

shipping container or 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 bases glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
- (5) HDPE means high density polyethylene, labeled by resin code #2
- (6) LDPR 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, furnace, boiler, dehumidifier, water heater or stove.
- (9) Newspaper means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Office paper means a variety of high grade printing and writing papers. This term does not include industrial process waste, newspaper or packaging.
- (12) Other resins and multiple resins mean plastic resins labeled by the code resin code #7.
- (13) Person includes any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, local government unit, as defined in s. 66.013(1)(a), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal government.
- (14) PETE or PET means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the resin code #1
- (15) Plastic Container means an individual, separate, rigid plastic bottle, can, jar or carton except for blister pack, that is originally used to contain a product that is the subject of retail sale.
- (16) 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.
- (17) PP means polypropylene, labeled by the resin code #5.
- (18) PS means polystyrene, labeled by the resin code #6
- (19) PVC means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the resin code #3.

- (20) Recyclable Materials includes lead acid batteries; major appliances; waste oil; yard waste; aluminum 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.

Separation of the Acceptable Recycled Materials **is not required**, however, it is required that cans, bottles and plastic jugs be rinsed out before bringing to our facility. It is also required that boxes must be flattened before placing in the recycling bin.

Acceptable Materials for Recycling is as follows:

- (1) Glass must be Clear, Brown or Green
- (2) Cans must be tin and Steel Cans, tin and steel food cans
- (3) Paper Products newspaper, brown grocery bags, magazines, paper and flattened cardboard
- (4) Waste Oil must be in 1 gallon jugs and can be automotive, motorcycle, lawn & garden or snow blower oils.
- (5) Plastic rinsed milk, soda, detergent bottles #1 - #7

The following items are not acceptable for recycling:

- (1) No windows, mirrors, light bulbs or pyrex
- (2) No paint cans, aerosol cans or juice cans
- (3) No wrapping paper, used tissue paper or dog food bags
- (4) No large or small appliances
- (5) No items of clothing
- (6) No plastic grocery bags
- (7) No yard waste or pet feces
- (8) No batteries of any kind
- (9) No Styrofoam, packing peanuts or similar material
- (10) No tires
- (11) No Polyethylene of any kind, no polypropylene, no polystyrene, or PVC

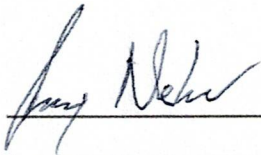
Items may be left **ONLY** on recycling days which are 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month

For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, any authorized officer, employee or representative of the **Town of Rock Falls** may inspect recyclable materials brought for recycling, no person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the **Town of Rock Falls** who requests access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person

may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection. Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance may be issued a citation.

Penalties for violating this ordinance may be assessed as follows: First violation is a \$50.00 fine, 2nd violation is a \$200.00 fine, and not more than \$2000.00 for a third or subsequent violation.

This ordinance has been voted on and enacted on July 14, 2026



Signed

7/14/2026

Date

Jeremy Neubauer – Chairman Town of Rock Falls