

**CHAPTER 16**  
**SOLID WASTE**  
**ARTICLE 1**

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE**

**§16-101. General**

The purpose of this Article is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the Township of Oakland, Butler County, Pennsylvania, by regulating the storage, accumulation, collection and disposal of municipal solid waste; establishing a program for the collection and recycling of recyclable materials; prohibiting the disposal of recyclable materials into the conventional municipal solid waste disposal system; empowering the Township to adopt and promulgate reasonable regulations; and to set forth penalties for the violation thereof.

**§16-102. Short Title**

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Township of Oakland Municipal Solid Waste Management and Recycling Ordinance.

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**§16-103. Definitions**

The following words and phrases as used in this Article shall have the meaning ascribed to them herein, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. **Act 101:** The Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 1988).
2. **Aluminum:** Empty all-aluminum food and beverage containers, clean aluminum foil and pie tins, aluminum siding, aluminum frames of furniture, scrap from industrial sources and other all-aluminum materials.
3. **Authorized Collector:** A person, firm, partnership, corporation, or public agency authorized by the Township or County to collect municipal waste from residential, commercial, municipal and institutional establishments.
4. **Bi-metallic Containers:** Empty food or beverage containers consisting of ferrous sides with aluminum top and bottom. A container is bi-metallic if a magnet sticks to the side but not the ends.
5. **Bulky Items:** Large waste items including, but not limited to, appliances, auto parts, furniture, trees and branches, or stumps or other items too large for approved reusable or disposable waste containers.
6. **Collector:** Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or public agency authorized by the Township to collect recyclable materials from residences or

authorized by commercial, municipal and institutional establishments to collect recyclable materials from those properties.

7. **Commercial Establishment:** Those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes, and those multiple dwelling residential buildings containing four (4) or more dwelling units.
8. **Community Activities:** Events that are sponsored by public or private agencies or individuals including, but not limited to, fairs, bazaars, socials, picnics and organized sporting events attended by two hundred (200) or more individuals per day.
9. **Corrugated Paper:** Containerboard cartons, Kraft linerboards and shipping boxes with corrugated paper medium. This definition also includes Kraft (brown) paper bags.
10. **Detachable Container:** Any metal bin or container which may be mechanically lifted and emptied into a collection vehicle.
11. **Garbage:** All animal and vegetable waste resulting from handling, preparation, cooking or consumption of food.
12. **Glass Containers:** Empty bottles and jars made of clear, green or brown glass. This definition does not include non-container glass, window glass, blue glass and porcelain, ceramic products and light bulbs.
13. **Hauler:** See Authorized Collector.
14. **High-grade Office Paper:** Printing, writing and computer paper used in commercial, institutional and municipal establishments as well as in residences. This definition includes white paper, white ledger, bond paper, colored ledger, computer printouts, computer tab cards and copy machine paper.
15. **Household Hazardous Waste:** Unwanted hazardous material found in or generated by residential establishments.
16. **Industrial Establishment:** Facilities engaged in manufacturing or processing including, but not limited to, factories, foundries, mills, processing plants, refineries and mining.
17. **Institutional Establishment:** Facilities that house or serve groups of people, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, day care centers, schools and colleges.
18. **Lead Acid Batteries:** Automotive, truck and industrial batteries that contain lead.
19. **Multi-Family Housing:** Properties having three (3) or more dwelling units per structure.
20. **Municipal Establishment:** Public facilities operated by the Township and other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies.

21. **Municipal Waste:** Garbage, refuse, industrial lunchroom or office waste and other material resulting from the operation of residential, municipal, commercial or institutional establishments and from community activities; and any sludge not meeting the definition of residual or hazardous waste as defined by Pennsylvania Act 97.
22. **Municipality:** Township of Oakland.
23. **Newspapers:** Paper of the type commonly referred to as newsprint and distributed at fixed intervals, having printing thereon news and opinions, containing advertisements and other matters of public interest. Newsprint which has been soiled, crumpled, color comics, glossy advertising inserts and advertising inserts printed in colors other than black and white often included with newspapers may be exempted from this definition.
24. **Person:** Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, institution, cooperative enterprise, municipality, municipal authority, or any other legal entity whatsoever which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties.
25. **Plastics:** Plastic such as containers for milk, food containers, household product containers, PET soda bottles, beverage containers and other plastic products.
26. **Recyclable Materials:** Materials generated by residential, commercial, municipal and institutional establishments for which recycling markets exist and for which there is a recycling agent. Recyclable materials may include clear glass, colored glass, aluminum, steel and bi-metallic containers, high-grade office paper, newspapers, corrugated paper, yard waste, plastics and any other items selected by the Township or County or specified in amendments to Act 101.
27. **Recycling:** The collection, separation, recovery, and sale or reuse of metals, glass, paper, plastics and other materials which would otherwise be disposed or processed as municipal waste.
28. **Refuse:** All solid waste, except body waste and including garbage, ashes, and rubbish.
29. **Residential Establishment:** Any occupied single-family, duplex, or multi-family dwelling of two (2) units or less.
30. **Rubbish:** Glass, metal, paper, discarded furniture, building materials, cartons and shipping containers and any and all accumulations of the same.
31. **Scavenging:** Unauthorized or uncontrolled removal of solid waste materials placed for collection or removal from a solid waste processing or disposal facility.
32. **Solid Waste:** Unwanted garbage, refuse and other discarded solid material resulting from residential, industrial, commercial and agricultural operations and from community activities. Unwanted liquids, semi-solids and contained

gaseous materials are hereby defined as solid waste. Recyclable and reusable materials, including any compostable organic waste, do not constitute solid waste for the purpose of this Article.

33. **Source-separated Recyclable Materials:** Materials that are separated from municipal waste at the point of origin for the purpose of being recycled.
34. **Steel Containers:** All coated (tin, zinc, etc.) and other empty ferrous food and beverage containers, including allowed materials. This definition also includes ferrous and alloyed ferrous scrap materials derived from iron and stainless steel and white goods (large appliances).
35. **Storage:** The containment of any waste on a temporary basis in such a manner as to not constitute disposal of such waste.
36. **Yard Waste:** Leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and tree trimmings, grass clippings and similar material.

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**§16-104. Standards and Regulations for Storage of Municipal Waste Prior to Collection:**

- A. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following preparation standards:
  1. All liquid and semi-solid waste shall be enclosed in leak proof containers; and
  2. The Township reserves the right to modify the preparation and storage procedures to facilitate the collection and recovery of certain waste materials.
- B. All municipal waste shall be stored in containers approved by the Township and shall comply with the following standards:
  1. Reusable containers shall be constructed of durable, watertight, rust and corrosion resistant material.
  2. Reusable containers for residences shall have tight-fitting covers, have suitable lifting handles, and shall have a capacity of not more than thirty (30) gallons. If mechanical bins or detachable containers are in use, the Township may waive these standards;
  3. Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers provided the bags are designed for waste disposal. Such bags shall be securely tied at the top for collection and shall have a capacity of not more than thirty (30) gallons; and

4. All containers, whether reusable or disposable, shall be kept tightly covered at all times, and shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.
- C. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following storage standards:
1. Reusable containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. The interior of the containers shall be kept clean by thoroughly rinsing, draining and disinfecting as often as necessary;
  2. Containers shall be covered or sealed at all times and waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container;
  3. With the exception of pick-up days when containers are placed out for collection, all containers shall be properly stored on the owner's property; and
  4. Bulky waste items shall be stored in a manner that will prevent the accumulation or collection of water, the harborage or breeding of vectors, insects or rodents, or the creation of safety and fire hazards.
- D. The storage of all municipal waste from multi-family housing, commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments and industrial lunchrooms and office wastes shall comply with the regulations and standards set forth in this Article. The type, size and placement of bulk containers for these establishments shall be determined by the waste generator and the authorized collector and are subject to approval by the Township.

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#### **§16-105. Standards and Regulations for Collection**

All generators of municipal waste in the Township shall contract for the collection of disposable waste and recyclable items as follows:

- A. All residential properties shall use an authorized collection service unless they prove to the Township that they have made alternative arrangements consistent with this Article; and
- B. All multi-family housing, commercial, institutional and municipal establishments and industrial establishments with office and lunchroom wastes shall use an authorized collection service of their choice.
- C. Collection service shall be provided in compliance with the following standards:

1. All residential waste shall be collected at least bi-weekly with the exception that arrangements shall be made in advance with the collector for pick-up of bulky waste and for payment of any special fees;
2. All multi-family housing, commercial, municipal, institutional and industrial waste shall be collected at least once each week and more often if required in order to control health hazards, odors or unsightly conditions;
3. All recyclable materials shall be collected at least once each month;
4. Each authorized collector shall establish a regular collection schedule in the Township and shall so notify the Township of the days and times. If a regular collection day falls on a holiday, the collector shall notify all customers and the Township as to when collection will be made; and
5. All authorized collectors operating within the Township shall comply with the Butler County Municipal Waste Management Ordinance as to the licensing of collectors and the transportation of waste to the County designated disposal facility.

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#### **§16-106. Collection and Disposal Charges**

All authorized collectors shall be responsible for the collection of any fees or charges for municipal waste collection and disposal services provided to residential, commercial, institutional, municipal and industrial sources within the Township.

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#### **§16-107. Separation and Collection of Recyclables**

- A. Persons in residential establishments shall separate recyclable materials from other waste. Recyclable materials shall be placed at the curbside. Recyclable materials shall be prepared for collection according to municipal or County guidelines and shall be placed in containers provided by the Township or cut and baled, tied, bundled, stacked or packaged in compliance with the guidelines.
  1. All containers provided to residential establishments for recyclable materials shall be the property of the Township and shall be used only for the storage and collection of recyclable materials. Any resident who moves shall be responsible for leaving the container within the residence or shall pay the replacement cost of said container.
  2. Use of the allocated recycling container for any purpose other than the recycling program shall be a violation of this Article.

- B. An owner, landlord or agent of the owner or landlord of a multi-family housing property with three (3) or more units shall comply with its recycling responsibilities by establishing a collection program for the tenants at each property. The collection system shall include suitable containers, provided by the owner, landlord or agent, for sorting and collection of recyclable materials. The container shall be placed in easily accessible locations and written instructions shall be provided to the tenants concerning use and availability of the collection system.
  - 1. Owners, landlords or agents of multi-family property who are in compliance with the Article shall not be liable for noncompliance by the occupants of their property.
  - 2. Owners, landlords or agents of multi-family property who have recyclable materials collected by a collection firm other than the Township or its designated collector(s) shall submit an annual report to the Township reporting the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year.
- C. Commercial, Institutional, Municipal establishments and Community Activities shall separate materials as may be designated by the Township and shall store the recyclable materials until collection. These establishments may be exempted from this Article if the establishments have otherwise provided for the recycling of materials specified by this Article and provide documentation to the Township annually indicating that designated recyclable materials are being recycled and indicating the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year.
  - 1. It shall be the responsibility of each establishment and community activity to submit an annual report to the Township reporting the tonnage of materials recycled by the establishment or activity during the previous year.

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### **§16-108. Lead Acid Batteries**

No persons shall place a used lead battery in municipal waste, discard or otherwise dispose of a lead battery except by delivery to a designated facility authorized under the laws of Pennsylvania.

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### **§16-109. Ownership of Recyclable Materials**

All recyclable materials, when placed at the curbside, become the property of the authorized collector except as provided below:

- A. Any person may donate or sell recyclable materials to individuals or organizations authorized by the Township. The recyclable materials shall

be either delivered to the individual organization site or may be placed at the curb for collection by said individual or organization. If placed at the curb, the individual or organization shall not collect recyclable materials on days designated as municipal collection days.

- B. Any person who donates or sells recyclable materials shall not received a discount in waste collection fees paid to their collector.

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#### **§16-110. Franchise or License**

- A. The Municipal officials or their designated representatives shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this Article.
- B. The Township may enter into an agreement with public or private agencies or firms to authorize said agencies or firms to collect all or part of recyclable materials placed at curbside or at another designated site.

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#### **§16-111. Administration and Enforcement**

The Municipal officials of the Township of Oakland or their designated representative shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this Article. The Township officials are authorized by this Article to enact reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of this Article, including, but not limited to:

- A. Designating recyclable materials to be separated by residential establishments, and designating additional recyclable materials to be separated by commercial, institutional and municipal establishments;
- B. Establishing collection procedures for recyclable materials;
- C. Establishing reporting procedures for volumes of materials recycled;
- D. Establishing procedures for the distribution, monitoring, and collection of recycling containers;
- E. Establishing procedures and rules for the collection of yard waste.

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#### **§16-112. Penalty and Violations**

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this Article and its rules and regulations shall receive an official written warning of noncompliance for the first offense.
- B. Thereafter, all such violations shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.
- C. Upon conviction of violation of the provisions of this Article, a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than three hundred dollars



(\$300.00) including costs of prosecution for each and every offense is imposed.

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