

**RESOLUTION**  
**Town of Grand Rapids**  
**Wood County, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2017-08**

**Re: Ordinance No. 3 – Regulating Solid Waste & Recycling, Composting**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin,  
RESOLVES as follows:

Ordinance 3 – Regulating Solid Waste & Recycling is hereby amended as presented.

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under § 19.34, Wis. Stats. to amend this ordinance.

Revisions to be made to the following sections in the Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance, resulting in all remaining items to be re-lettered accordingly:

**3.4 Definitions**

G. Composting: Means the controlled microbial decomposition of the organic fraction of yard waste producing compost, a humus-like product used as a soil conditioner.

**3.7 Disposal of Recyclables**

A. Yard waste shall be composted or transferred and deposited at an approved DNR site.

- 1) The policy of the Town is to encourage home composting. All compost piles shall be maintained using approved composting procedures and shall comply with the requirements of sections 3.25 and 3.26 of this Ordinance.

**3.25 Composting**

Home composting is encouraged by the Town. All compost piles shall be maintained using approved composting procedures to comply with the following requirements:

- A. Compost piles shall be located in rear yard areas and screened from the view of neighbors living areas.
- B. All compost piles shall be enclosed in a free-standing compost bin. Each compost bin shall be no larger in volume than one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic feet, shall be no taller than forty-two (42) inches, and shall be securely covered to keep animals from accessing the compost pile.
- C. Compost bins shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet to a lot line, and not less than twenty (20) feet from a neighboring dwelling unit. Compost bins shall not be located within a drainage easement or floodway, or otherwise obstruct the flow of surface water.
- D. Compost materials shall be layered, aerated, moistened, turned and managed to promote effective decomposition of the materials in a safe, secure and sanitary manner. Compost materials shall be covered with a layer of material such as leaves, straw, wood chips, or finished compost to reduce odor.
- E. All compost bins shall be maintained in a way to prevent the attraction or harborage of rodents and pests. The presence of rodents in or near a compost bin shall be cause for the Town to consider the compost bin a public nuisance and proceed to abate the nuisance.
- F. No compost bin shall be allowed to deteriorate to such condition as to be a blighting influence on the surrounding property or neighborhood or Town in general.

### 3.26 Composting Ingredients

A. No compost bin shall contain any of the following:

- 1) Cooked food scraps of any kind or type;
- 2) Fish, meat or other animal products;
- 3) Manures;
- 4) Large items that will impede the composting process.

B. Permitted ingredients in a compost bin shall include the following:

- 1) Yard waste as defined herein;
- 2) Coffee grounds and unused tea leaves;
- 3) Raw vegetable and fruit scraps that are suitable for composting;
- 4) Egg shells
- 5) Commercial compost additives.

### 3.27 Enforcement

Any authorized officer, employee or representative of the Town may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling; post-consumer waste intended for disposal; collection sites and facilities; composting area; collection vehicles; collection areas of multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties; solid waste disposal facilities and solid waste treatment facilities; and any records relating to recycling activities, for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the Town who requests access for the purpose of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.

This ordinance amended by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, amends the attached Ordinance 3 – Solid Waste & Recycling.

Motion	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	ACTION TAKEN
<u>          </u> Arne Nystrom	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as presented
<u>  1  </u> Bill Clendenning	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended
<u>          </u> Kathy Alft	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
<u>  2  </u> Patty Lumby	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled until
<u>          </u> Dan Paulsen	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to <u>R+SW Committee</u>

I, Lisa Dotter-Guyant, Clerk for the Town of Grand Rapids, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was adopted on the 14th day of February, 2017 by the Town Board, Town of Grand Rapids, County of Wood.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

By: Arne Nystrom  
Arne Nystrom, Town Chairman

By: Lisa Dotter-Guyant  
Lisa Dotter-Guyant, Clerk