

## CHAPTER 3

### Refuse Disposal and Collection

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#### **SEC. 8-3-1 TITLE.**

This Chapter shall be known as the Solid Waste Management Ordinance of the City of Galesville, hereinafter referred to as this “Ordinance” or “Chapter”.

#### **SEC. 8-3-2 DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

It is hereby declared to be the purpose and intent of this Chapter to enhance and improve the environment and promote the health, safety and welfare of the City by establishing minimum standards for the storage, collection, transport, processing, separation, recovery and disposal of solid waste.

#### **SEC. 8-3-3 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given herein unless different meanings are clearly indicated by the context.

- (a) **Agricultural Establishment** – An establishment engaged in the rearing and slaughtering of animals and the processing of animal products or orchard and field crops.
- (b) **Bulky Waste** – Items whose large size precludes or complicates their handling by normal collection, processing or disposal methods.
- (c) **Commercial Unit** – Commercial units shall be all property other than residential units and shall include boarding houses, motels and resorts.
- (d) **Curb** – The back edge or curb and gutter along a paved street or where one would be if the street was paved and had curb and gutter.
- (e) **Demolition Wastes** – That portion of solid wastes consisting of wastes from the repair, remodeling or reconstruction of buildings, such as lumber, roofing and sheathing scraps, rubble, broken concrete, asphalt and plaster, conduit, pipe, wire, insulation and any other materials resulting from the demolition of buildings and improvements.

- (f) **Disposal** – The orderly process of discarding useless or unwanted material.
- (g) **DNR** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- (h) **Dump** – A land site where solid waste is disposed of in a manner that does not protect the environment.
- (i) **Dwelling Unit** – A place of habitation occupied by a normal single family unit or a combination of persons who may be considered as equivalent to a single family unit for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (j) **Garbage** – Includes every refuse accumulation of animals, fruit or vegetable matter, liquid or otherwise, that attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables originally used for foodstuffs.
- (k) **Hazardous Waste** – Those wastes such as toxic, radioactive or pathogenic substances which require special handling to avoid illness or injury to persons or damage to property and the environment.
- (l) **Industrial Waste** – Waste material, except garbage, rubbish and refuse, directly or indirectly resulting from an industrial processing or manufacturing operation.
- (m) **Litter** – Solid waste scattered about in a careless manner, usually rubbish.
- (n) **Non-Residential Solid Waste** – Solid waste from agricultural, commercial, industrial or institutional activities or a building or group of buildings consisting of four (4) or more dwelling units.
- (o) **Person** – Individuals, firms, corporations and associations, and includes the plural as well as the singular.
- (p) **Private Collection Services** – Collection services provided by a person licensed to do same by the DNR.
- (q) **Recyclable Waste** – Waste material that can be remanufactured into usable products and shall include, by way of enumeration but not by way of limitation, glass, plastics, newspapers, cardboard, metals (aluminum, steel, tin, brass, etc.).
- (r) **Refuse** – Includes all waste material, including garbage, rubbish and industrial waste and shall, by way of enumeration but not by way of limitation, include grass, leaves, sticks, tree branches and logs, stumps, stone, cement, boards, furniture or household appliances, garden debris.
- (s) **Residential Solid Waste** – All solid waste that normally originates in a residential environment from residential dwelling units.
- (t) **Residential Unit** – Residential unit shall mean an individual household capable of independent habitation by family unit. A single family dwelling shall be considered to be one (1) residential unit; multi-family dwelling shall be considered to be multiple residential units, the number of residential units to equal the number of family units to be housed therein. Residential units shall not include boarding houses, motels or resorts.
- (u) **Rubbish** – Includes combustible and noncombustible waste material except rocks, concrete, bricks and similar solid materials, plaster or dirt, that is incidental to the operation of a building and shall include, by way of enumeration but not by way of limitation, tin cans, bottles, rags, paper, cardboard, sweepings.
- (v) **Scavenging** – The uncontrolled removal of materials at any point in solid waste management.
- (w) **Solid Waste** – Garbage, rubbish and other useless, unwanted or discarded material from agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or institutional activities. Solid waste does not include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage.

- (x) **Storage** – The interim containment of solid waste in an approved manner after generation and prior to collection and ultimate disposal.
- (y) **Storage Areas** – Areas where persons place containers during non-collection days as well as areas where containers are set out on collection day.

#### **SEC. 8-3-4 REFUSE STORAGE AREAS.**

Storage areas shall be kept in a nuisance- and odor-free condition. Litter shall not be allowed to accumulate. Collection crews will not be responsible for cleaning up loose materials from any containers which have become ruptured or broken due to wet conditions, animals, vandalism or other cause. The occupant and/or owner shall be responsible for cleaning up this litter. Litter not collected shall not be allowed to accumulate. Violation will result in the occupant and/or owner being notified to clean up his area with continued violation resulting in the owner being prosecuted under the provisions of this and other City Ordinances.