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# Health and Sanitation

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### **Sec. 8-1-1 Rules, Regulations and Special Charges.**

- (a) **Health Regulations.** The Village Board, acting as Board of Health, may make reasonable and general rules for the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter and for the prevention of the creation of health nuisances and the protection of the public health and welfare and may, where appropriate, require the issuance of licenses and permits. All such regulations shall have the same effect as ordinances, and any person violating any of such regulations and any lawful order of the Board shall be subject to the general penalty provided for in this Code.
- (b) **Special Services Charges.** Any special services by Village employees in the abatement of any condition or nuisance described in this Chapter shall be billed at the rate of Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per hour. Use of Village equipment in the abatement of any condition or nuisance described in this Chapter shall be billed at the rate of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per hour for a push mower and Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per hour for any other power equipment, including without exception a riding mower and/or truck. Any materials or supplies used to abate any condition or nuisance described in this Chapter will be billed at the cost to the Village plus ten percent (10%) for administrative charges.

### **Sec. 8-1-2 Health Nuisances; Abatement of.**

- (a) **Defined.** A health nuisance is any source of filth or cause of sickness.

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- (b) **Duty to Abate.** The Board of Health shall abate health nuisances pursuant to Sec. 146.14, Wis. Stats., which is adopted by reference and made a part of this Section.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 146.14, Wis. Stats.

**Sec. 8-1-3      Deposit of Deleterious Substances Prohibited.**

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any public street or on any public ground or on any private property not his/her own any refuse, garbage, litter, waste material or liquid or any other objectionable material or liquid. When any such material is placed on the person's own private property, it shall be properly enclosed and covered so as to prevent the same from becoming a public nuisance.

**Sec. 8-1-4      Destruction of Noxious Weeds.**

- (a) The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall annually on or before May 15th publish as required by state law a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Village which he/she owns, occupies or controls. A joint notice with other towns or municipalities may be utilized.
- (b) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the Village shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed Commissioner after the expiration of the five (5) day period will proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such weeds are located under the provisions of Sec. 66.96, Wis. Stats. In case the owner or occupant shall further neglect to comply within such five (5) day notice, then the Weed Commissioner shall destroy such weeds or cause them to be destroyed in the manner deemed to be the most economical method and the expense thereof, including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses, shall be charged against such lots and be collected as a special tax thereon.
- (c) As provided for in Sec. 66.96(2), Wis. Stats., the Village shall require that all noxious weeds shall be destroyed prior to the time in which such plants would mature to the bloom or flower state. The growth of noxious weeds in excess of eight (8) inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the Village of Star Prairie corporate limits. Noxious weeds shall include any weed, grass or similar plant growth which, if allowed to pollinate, would cause or produce hayfever in human beings or would cause a skin rash through contact with the skin. Noxious weeds, as defined in this Section and in Section 8-1-6, shall include but not be limited to the following:

Cirsium Arvense (Canada Thistle)

Ambrosia artemisiifolia (Common Ragweed)

Ambrosia trifida (Great Ragweed)

Euphorbia esula (Leafy Spurge)  
Convolvulus arvensis (Creeping Jenny) (Field Bind Weed)  
Tragopogon dubius (Goat's Beard)  
Rhus radicans (Poison Ivy)  
Cirsium vulgaries (Bull Thistle)  
Pastinaca sativa (Wild Parsnip)  
Arctium minus (Burdock)  
Xanthium strumarium (Cocklebur)  
Amaranthus retroflexus (Pigweed)  
Chenopodium album (Common Lambsquarter)  
Rumex Crispus (Curled Dock)  
Cannabis sativa (Hemp)  
Plantago lanceolata (English Plantain)

Noxious grasses, as defined in this Section and in Section 8-1-6, shall include but not be limited to the following:

Agrostia alba (Redtop)  
Sorghum halepense (Johnson)  
Setaria (Foxtail)

Noxious weeds are also the following plants and other rank growth:

Ragweed  
Thistles  
Smartweed  
Dandelions (over 10 inches in height)

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 66.96, Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 8-1-5 Regulation of Natural Lawns.**

- (a) **Natural Lawns Defined.** Natural lawn as used in this Section shall include common species of grass and wild flowers native to North America which are designed and purposely cultivated to exceed ten (10) inches in height from the ground. Specifically excluded in natural lawns are the noxious grasses and weeds identified in Section 8-1-4 of this Chapter. The growth of a natural lawn in excess of ten (10) inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the Village of Star Prairie corporate limits unless a Natural Lawn Management Plan is approved and a permit is issued by the Village as set forth in this Section. Natural lawns shall not contain litter or debris and shall not harbor undesirable wildlife.

(b) **Natural Lawn Management Plan Defined.**

- (1) Natural Lawn Management Plan as used in this Section shall mean a written plan relating to the management and maintenance of a lawn which contains a legal description of lawn upon which the planted grass will exceed ten (10) inches in length, a statement of intent and purpose for the lawn, a detailed description of the vegetational types, plants and plant succession involved, and the specific management and maintenance techniques to be employed.
- (2)
  - a. Property owners who wish to plant and cultivate a natural lawn must submit their written plan and related information to the Village. "Property Owner" shall be defined to include the legal title holder and/or the beneficial owner of any such lot according to most current Village records. Natural Lawn Management Plans shall only indicate the planting and cultivating of natural lawns on property legally owned by the property owner.
  - b. Applicants are strictly prohibited from developing a natural lawn on any Village-owned property including street rights-of-way. This shall include at a minimum property located between the sidewalk and the street or a strip not less than ten (10) feet adjacent to the street where there is no sidewalk whether the area is under public or private ownership.
- (3) In addition, natural lawns shall not be permitted within ten (10) feet of the abutting property owner's property unless waived in writing by the abutting property owner on the side so affected. Such waiver is to be affixed to the Lawn Management Plan. Such waiver may be revoked, in writing, by the abutting property owner at a later time, a copy to be filed with the permittee and the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- (4) Any subsequent property owner who abuts an approved natural lawn may revoke the waiver thereby requiring the owner of the natural lawn to remove the natural lawn that is located in the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner. Such revocation shall be put in writing and presented to the Village Clerk-Treasurer by the subsequent abutting property owner. Upon receiving the written request to revoke the original waiver, the Village Board shall contact the owner of the approved natural lawn and direct the owner to remove the natural lawn located in the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner. The Village Board shall revise the approved Natural Lawn Management Permit accordingly. The owner of the approved natural lawn shall be required to remove the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner within twenty (20) days of receipt of the written notification from the Village provided the notification is received sometime between May 1 and November 1. Property owners who receive notification from the Village between November 1 and April 30 shall be required to remove the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner no later than May 20 following receipt of the notification.

(c) **Application Process.**

- (1) Property owners interested in applying for permission to establish a natural lawn shall file an application with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The completed application shall

include a Natural Lawn Management Plan. Upon submitting a completed application, a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) non-refundable filing fee will be assessed by the Village. Upon receiving payment, copies of the completed application shall be mailed by the Village to each of the owners of record, as listed in the Office of the Village Assessor, who are owners of the property situated wholly or in part within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the properties for which the application is made. If within fifteen (15) calendar days of mailing the copies of the complete application to the neighboring property owners the Village receives written objections from fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the neighboring property owners, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall deny the application. Neighboring property owners shall be defined as all those property owners who are located within three hundred (300) feet of the proposed natural lawn site.

- (2) If the property owner's application is in full compliance with the Natural Lawn Management Plan requirements and less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the neighboring property owners provide written objections, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue permission to install a natural lawn. Such permit shall be valid for two (2) years. Permit renewals shall follow the procedures in this Section.
- (d) **Application For Appeal.** The property owner may appeal the Clerk-Treasurer's decision to deny the natural lawn permit request to the Village Board at an open meeting. All applications for appeal shall be submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of denial of the Natural Lawn Management Plan. The decision rendered by the Village Board shall be final and binding.
- (e) **Safety Precautions For Natural Grass Areas.**
- (1) When, in the opinion of the Fire Chief of the Department serving the Village of Star Prairie, the presence of a natural lawn may constitute a fire or safety hazard due to weather and/or other conditions, the Fire Chief may order the cutting of natural lawns to a safe condition. As a condition of receiving approval of the natural lawn permit, the property owner shall be required to cut the natural lawn within the three (3) days upon receiving written direction from the Fire Chief.
  - (2) Natural lawns shall not be removed through the process of burning unless stated and approved as one of the management and maintenance techniques in the Lawn Management Plan, and appropriate Village open burning permits have been obtained. The Fire Chief shall review all requests to burn natural lawns and shall determine if circumstances are correct and all applicable requirements have been fulfilled to insure public safety. Burning of natural lawns shall be strictly prohibited unless a written permit to burn is issued by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall establish a written list of requirements for considering each request to burn natural lawns, thereby insuring the public safety. In addition, the property owner requesting permission to burn the natural lawn shall produce evidence of property damage and liability insurance identifying the Village as a party insured. A minimum amount of acceptable insurance shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).

- (f) **Revocation Of An Approved Natural Lawn Management Plan Permit.** The Village President, upon the recommendation of the Weed Commissioner, shall have the authority to revoke an approved Natural Lawn Management Plan Permit if the owner fails to maintain the natural lawn or comply with the provisions set forth in this Section. Notice of intent to revoke an approved Natural Lawn Management Plan Permit shall be appealable to the Village Board. All applications for appeal shall be submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written Notice of Intent to revoke the approved Natural Lawn Management Plan. Failure to file an application for appeal within the fifteen (15) calendar days shall result in the revoking of the Natural Lawn Management Plan Permit. All written applications for appeal filed within the fifteen (15) calendar day requirement shall be reviewed by the Village Board in an open meeting. The decision rendered by the Village Board shall be final and binding.
- (g) **Public Nuisance Defined — Abatement After Notice.**
- (1) The growth of a natural lawn as defined in this Section shall be considered a public nuisance unless a Natural Lawn Management Plan has been filed and approved and a permit is issued by the Village as set forth in this Section. Violators shall be served with a notice of public nuisance by certified mail to the last-known mailing address of the property owner.
  - (2) If the person so served with a notice of public nuisance violation does not abate the nuisance within ten (10) days, the Enforcement Officer may proceed to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement, and such expense shall be charged to and paid by such property owner. Notice of the bill for abatement of the public nuisance shall be mailed to the owner of the premises and shall be payable within ten (10) calendar days from receipt thereof. Within sixty (60) days after such costs and expenses are incurred and remain unpaid, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall enter those charges onto the tax roll as a special tax as provided by State statute.
  - (3) The failure of the Village Clerk-Treasurer to record such claim or to mail such notice or the failure of the owner to receive such notice shall not affect the right to place the Village expense on the tax rolls for unpaid bills for abating the public nuisance as provided for in this Section.
- (h) **Penalty.**
- (1) Any person, firm or corporation which does not abate the nuisance within the required time period or who otherwise violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the general penalty found in Section 1-1-6.
  - (2) In addition to any penalties herein provided, the Village may issue stop work orders upon owners of lots where work is unfinished under a previously issued building permit for any violation of this Section.

## **Sec. 8-1-6 Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses.**

- (a) **Purpose.** This Section is adopted due to the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses and noxious weeds being allowed to grow to excessive length in the Village of Star Prairie.



- (b) **Public Nuisance Declared.** The Village Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land, as classified under the Village Zoning Code, within the Village of Star Prairie which exceed ten (10) inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any non-agricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds ten (10) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area and/or wetland area or where the lawn, grass or weed is part of a natural lawn approved pursuant to Section 8-1-5 above.
- (c) **Nuisances Prohibited.** No person, firm or corporation shall permit any public nuisance as defined in Subsection (b) above to remain on any premises owned or controlled by him/her within the Village.
- (d) **Inspection.** The Weed Commissioner or his designee shall inspect or cause to be inspected all premises and places within the Village to determine whether any public nuisance as defined in Subsection (b) above exists.
- (e) **Abatement of Nuisance.** If the Weed Commissioner shall determine with reasonable certainty that any public nuisance as defined in Subsection (b) above exists, the Weed Commissioner shall immediately cause written notice to be served that the Village proposes to have the lot grass or lawn cut so as to conform with this Section and Section 8-1-5.
- (f) **Due Process Hearing.** If the owner believes that his/her grasses or weeds are not a nuisance, he/she may request a hearing before the Village Board. The request for said hearing must be made in writing to the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office within the five (5) days set forth in the Weed Commissioner's notice. Upon application for the hearing, the property owner must deposit a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) bond. If a decision is rendered in the property owner's favor, the Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) will be returned to the property owner. If the property owner fails to appear for the hearing or if the decision is rendered against the property owner, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the cost of Village personnel abating the nuisance, if necessary. When a hearing is requested by the owner of the property, a hearing by the Village Board shall be held within seven (7) days from the date of the owner's request. The property in question will not be mowed by the Village until such time as the hearing is held by the Village Board. At the hearing, the owner may appear in person or by his/her attorney, may present witnesses in his/her own behalf and may cross-examine witnesses presented by the Village as well as subpoena witnesses for his/her own case. At the close of the hearing, the Village Board shall make its determination in writing specifying its findings, facts, and conclusions. If the Village Board determines that a public nuisance did exist, the Village Board shall order the Weed Commissioner to mow the property in question unless the property has been mowed by the owner within forty-eight (48) hours of the Village Board's decision. If the owner does not abate the nuisance within the described forty-eight (48) hours, the Weed Commissioner

shall cause the same nuisance to be abated and cost in excess of the forfeited fee assessed accordingly.

- (g) **Village's Option To Abate Nuisance.** In any case where the owner, occupant or person in charge of the property shall fail to cut his lawn, grass or weeds as set forth above, then, and in that event, the Village may elect to cut said lawn, grass or weeds as follows:
- (1) The written notice required in Subsection (e) shall inform said person that in the event of his/her failure to abate the nuisance within the prescribed time, the Village shall abate the same and the cost thereof shall be assessed to the property owner as a special charge.
  - (2) The Village shall cut or cause to be cut all grass and weeds from the subject's property and shall charge the expenses of so doing at a rate as established by resolution by the Village Board. The charges shall be set forth in a statement to the Village Clerk-Treasurer who, in turn, shall mail the same to the owner, occupant or person in charge of the subject premises. If said statement is not paid in full within thirty (30) days thereafter, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall enter the charges in the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate, or as provided under Sec. 66.615(3)(f), Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 8-1-7 Compulsory Connection to Village Sewer and Water System.**

- (a) **When Required.** Whenever a sewer or watermain becomes available to any building used for human habitation, the owner of the property upon which the building is located shall connect the building to such main or mains in the manner prescribed by law, except the Village Board may defer connection to such water or sewer main or mains for those properties which have existing septic systems or wells whose construction was permitted by the Village of Star Prairie, but such deferment shall not exceed five (5) years from the date of installation of such main or mains.
- (b) **Notice.** Whenever a sewer or watermain becomes available to any building used for human habitation, the Building Inspector shall notify the owner or his/her agent in writing by registered mail addressed to the last known address of the owner or his/her agent.
- (c) **Health Officer May Cause Connection at Expense of Owner.** If the owner or his/her agent fails to comply with the notice of the Building Inspector within ten (10) days of service or mailing thereof, the Building Inspector may cause connection to be made and the expense thereof shall be assessed as a special tax against the property.
- (d) **Privies, Cesspools, Etc., Prohibited After Connection With Sewer.** After connection of any building used for human habitation to a sewer main, no privy, cesspool or waterless toilet shall be used in connection with such human habitation.

## **Sec. 8-1-8 Unhealthy, Hazardous or Unsightly Materials on Public or Private Property.**

### **(a) Inspections.**

- (1) Whenever the Building Inspector, Fire Inspector or other authorized Village official shall, upon inspection of any premises within the Village of Star Prairie find that there is deposited, placed, stored or remaining on said premises any garbage, junk, rubbish, rubble, trash, abandoned, construction materials, rotting yard and orchard waste, merchandise or parts, accumulation of grease or food wastes in a grease trap or other place or depository which presents a risk of clogging or blocking a sewer system, or any other unhealthy, hazardous or unsightly materials or thing which create a fire or health hazard, or which is detrimental to the appearance, neatness and cleanliness of the immediate neighborhood or the Village of Star Prairie in general, such official shall issue his/her written order to the owner and/or occupant of the premises to remove said garbage, junk, rubbish, rubble or trash, abandoned, outmoded, or non-salable merchandise or parts, construction materials, rotting yard and orchard waste, accumulation of grease or food wastes in a grease trap or other place or depository which presents a risk of clogging or blocking a sewer system, or other unhealthy, hazardous or unsightly materials or things.
- (2) Said written order shall provide that such removal shall be accomplished within ten (10) days after service of said order upon the owner or occupant of the premises involved. Such written order, in addition to specifying and describing the material or things to be removed, shall also set forth on the face thereof the provisions of Subsection (b).
- (3) Prosecution of violators under this Section shall not preclude other enforcement actions allowed by law, including other actions under this Code of Ordinances.

### **(b) Appeal.** Any person feeling himself/herself aggrieved by any order of a Village official under this Section may, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of such order, appeal such order to the Village Board.

### **(c) Exceptions.** Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the depositing of rubbish, rubble, junk, trash, abandoned, outmoded or nonsalable merchandise or parts or unsightly materials or things which are:

- (1) Lawfully sited pursuant to the Village Zoning Code and operated in a manner not constituting a nuisance; or
- (2) Temporarily deposited due to an emergency; or
- (3) Materials during construction; or
- (4) Collected and piled for immediate pickup and disposal by the Village or by private means.

### **(d) Nonconforming Uses.** It shall not be a defense to the provisions of this Section that the owner or occupant of the premises involved has a nonconforming use under the provisions of the Village Zoning Code, but the provisions of this Section shall be complied with

notwithstanding that the owner or occupant of any given premises is using or occupying such premises under a valid nonconforming use.

## **Sec. 8-1-9 Rodent Control.**

- (a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Owner or Manager.** Whenever any person or persons shall be in actual possession of or have charge, care or control of any property within the Village, as executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or agent, such person or persons shall be deemed and taken to be the owner or owners of such property within the true intent and meaning of this Section and shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this Section to the same extent as the owner, and notice to any such person of any order or decision of the Building Inspector or his/her designee shall be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient notice, as if such person or persons were actually the owner or owners of such property, except that whenever an entire premises or building is occupied as a place of business, such as a store, factory, warehouse, rooming house, junk yard, lumber yard or any other business under a single management, the person, firm or corporation in charge of such business shall be considered the owner or manager.
  - (2) **A Rodent-Proof Container** shall be a container constructed of concrete or metal, or the container shall be lined with metal or other material that is impervious to rodents, and openings into the container such as doors shall be tight-fitting to prevent the entrance of rodents.
  - (3) **Rodent-Proofing** shall consist of closing openings in building foundations and openings under and around doors, windows, vents and other places which could provide means of entry for rodents, with concrete, sheet iron, hardware cloth or other types of rodent-proofing material approved by the Village.
  - (4) **Rodent Harborage.** Any place where rodents can live and nest without fear of frequent molestation or disturbance.
  - (5) **Hardware Cloth.** Wire screening of such thickness and spacing as to afford reasonable protection against the entrance of rodents.
- (b) **Elimination of Rodent Harborage.** Whenever accumulations of rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, car bodies or any other materials provide rodent harborage, the person, firm or corporation owning or in control of such materials shall cause the materials to be removed or the materials shall be stored so as to eliminate the rodent harborage. Lumber boxes and similar materials shall be neatly piled. These piles shall be raised at least a foot above the ground. When the owner of the materials cannot be found after a reasonable search, the owner or manager of the premises on which the materials are stored shall be responsible for disposal, or proper piling, of the materials.
- (c) **Elimination of Rodent-Feeding Places.** No person, firm or corporation shall place, or allow to accumulate, any materials that may serve as a food for rodents in a site accessible

to rodents. Any waste material that may serve as food for rodents shall be stored in rodent-proof containers. Feed for birds shall be placed on raised platforms, or such feed shall be placed where it is not accessible to rodents.

- (d) **Extermination.** Whenever rodent holes, burrows or other evidence of rodent infestation are found on any premises or in any building within the Village, it shall be the duty of the owner or manager of such property to exterminate the rodents or to cause the rodents to be exterminated. Within ten (10) days after extermination, the owner or manager shall cause all of the rodent holes or burrows in the ground to be filled with earth or other suitable material.
- (e) **Rodent-Proofing.** It shall be the duty of the owner or manager of any building in the Village of Star Prairie to make such building reasonably rodent-proof, to replace broken basement windows and, when necessary, to cover the basement window openings with hardware cloth or other suitable material for preventing rodents from entering the building through such window openings.

## **Sec. 8-1-10 Composting Regulations.**

- (a) **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Section is to promote the recycling of yard wastes and certain kitchen wastes through composting and to establish minimum standards for proper compost maintenance.
- (b) **Definitions.** "Composting" shall mean the organic waste produced from the growing, trimming, and removal of grass, branches [not exceeding one (1) inch in diameter] bushes, shrubs, plants, leaves and garden debris. Kitchen waste shall be any uncooked plant matter not contaminated by or containing meat, fish and/or dairy products.
- (c) **Maintenance.** All compost piles shall be maintained using approved composting procedures to comply with the following requirements:
  - (1) 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, and shall be no taller than forty-two (42) inches.
  - (2) All compost bins shall be so maintained as 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 Village to proceed under Section 8-1-9.
  - (3) All compost bins shall be so maintained as to prevent unpleasant odors.
  - (4) No compost bin shall be allowed to deteriorate to such condition as to be a blighting influence on the surrounding property or neighborhood or the Village in general.
  - (5) a. All compost bins shall be located not less than three (3) feet from a property line or principal building or dwelling and three (3) feet from any detached accessory building.
  - b. A variance from these setback requirements may be applied for if the property owner(s) can show a hardship exists which prohibits compliance. In addition, any

variance application must include a signed written approval of the variance request from the adjacent property owner(s). Variances can be granted by the Building Inspector on an annual basis upon the proper application being submitted by the property owner(s). Screening and/or fencing of compost bins may be required as a condition of a variance being granted.

- (6) No compost bin shall be located in any yard except a rear yard, as defined in the Village Zoning Code. A compost bin may be located in a side yard as defined in the Village Zoning Code subject to the annual variance procedure contained in Subsections (c)(5)b and must be screened from view to the street.
- (7) Those composting bins which existed prior to the adoption of this Section shall be given one (1) year to comply with the requirements set forth herein.
- (d) **Ingredients.**
  - (1) No compost bin shall contain any of the following:
    - a. Lakeweeds;
    - b. Cooked food scraps of any kind or type;
    - c. Fish, meat or other animal products;
    - d. Manures;
    - e. Large items that will impede the composting process.
  - (2) Permitted ingredients in a compost bin shall include the following:
    - a. Yard waste;
    - b. Coffee grounds and used tea leaves;
    - c. Uncooked plant matter not contaminated by or containing meat, fish, and/or dairy products;
    - d. Commercial compost additives.
- (e) **Owner Responsibility.** Every owner or operator shall be responsible for maintaining all property under his or her control in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- (f) **Municipal Exception.** Any municipal composting site maintained by the Village shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

## **Sec. 8-1-11 Discharge of Clear Waters.**

- (a) **Discharge.** No person shall cause, allow or permit any roof drain, surface drain, subsoil drain, drain from any mechanical device, gutter, ditch, pipe, conduit, sump pump or any other object or thing used for the purposes of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging clear water from any part of any private premises owned or occupied by said person to discharge into a sanitary sewer.
- (b) **Nuisance.** The discharge into a sanitary sewer from any roof drain, surface drain, subsoil drain, drain from any mechanical device, gutter, ditch, pipe, conduit, sump pump or any other object or thing used for the purposes of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging clear water from any part of any private premises is hereby declared

to be a public nuisance and a hazard to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Village and to the protection of the property.

- (c) **Groundwater.** Where deemed necessary by the Village Board, every house shall have a sump pump installed for the purpose of discharging clear waters from foundation drains and ground infiltration and where the building is not serviced by a storm sewer shall either discharge into an underground conduit leading to a drainage ditch, gutter, dry well or shall discharge onto the ground surface in such other manner as will not constitute a nuisance as defined herein.
- (d) **Storm Water.** All roof drains, surface drains, drains from any mechanical device, gutters, pipe, conduits or any other objects or things used for the purpose of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging storm waters shall be discharged either to a storm sewer, a dry well, an underground conduit leading to a drainage ditch or onto the ground surface in such other manner as will not constitute a nuisance as defined herein.
- (e) **Storm Sewer Lateral.** Where municipal storm sewers are provided and it is deemed necessary by the property owner and/or the Village to discharge clear waters from a parcel of land, a storm sewer lateral shall be installed and connected to the storm sewer main at the expense of the owner.
- (f) **Conducting Tests.** If a designated Village agent suspects an illegal clear water discharge as defined by this Chapter or by any other applicable provision of the Wisconsin Administrative Code as it may, from time to time, be amended, he/she may, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, enter the private premises where such illegal clear water discharge is suspected and conduct appropriate tests to determine whether such suspected illegal clear water discharge actually exists. In addition, Village inspectors may inspect for illegal clear water discharges as a part of a routine inspection without cause.





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# Pollution Abatement

- 8-2-1** Cleanup of Spilled or Accidentally Discharged Wastes
- 8-2-2** Storage of Polluting Substances

### **Sec. 8-2-1 Cleanup of Spilled or Accidentally Discharged Wastes.**

- (a) **Cleanup Required.** All persons, firms, or corporations delivering, hauling, disposing, storing, discharging or otherwise handling potentially polluting substances, solid or liquid, such as, but not limited to, the following: fuel oil, gasoline, solvents, industrial liquids or fluids, milk, grease trap and septic tank wastes, sewage sludge, sanitary sewer wastes, storm sewer catch-basin wastes, oil or petroleum wastes, shall immediately clean up any such spilled material to prevent its becoming a hazard to health or safety or directly or indirectly causing pollution to the lakes and streams under the jurisdiction of the Village.
- (b) **Notification.** Spills or accidental release of hazardous materials or pollutants at a site or of a quantity or nature that cannot adequately be cleaned up by the responsible party or parties shall be immediately reported to the Village Clerk-Treasurer so that assistance can be given by the proper agency.
- (c) **Financial Liability.** The party or parties responsible for the release, escape or discharge of wastes shall be held financially liable for the cost of any cleanup or attempted cleanup deemed necessary or desirable and undertaken by the Village, or its designated agent, in an effort to minimize the pollutional effects of the discharged waste.

### **Sec. 8-2-2 Storage of Polluting Substances.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to store any potentially polluting substances unless such substances are stored in such manner as to securely prevent them from escaping onto the ground surface and/or into any street, sewer, ditch or drainageway, lake or stream within the jurisdiction of the Village of Star Prairie.



# Chapter 3

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## Recycling

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### **Sec. 8-3-1 Title.**

This Chapter shall be referred to as the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance for the Village of Star Prairie.

### **Sec. 8-3-2 Purpose and Authorization.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote recycling, composting and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in Sec. 159.11, Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (b) **Statutory Authority.** This Chapter is adopted and authorized under Sec. 159.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.** It is not intended by this Chapter 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 Chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply.
- (d) **Interpretation.** In its interpretation and application, the provisions of this Chapter 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 Chapter may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive requirements or interpretations shall apply. Where a provision of this Chapter is required by the Wisconsin Statutes, or by a standard in Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, and where the Chapter provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and

Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, standards in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to the Chapter.

### **Sec. 8-3-3      Applicability and Administration.**

- (a) **Applicability.** The requirements of this Chapter shall apply to all persons within the Village of Star Prairie.
- (b) **Administration.** The provisions of this Chapter shall be administered by the Village Clerk-Treasurer and Village Board.
- (c) **Local Government Purchasing.** The Village of Star Prairie shall, to the extent practicable, make purchasing decisions to maximize the purchasing of products made from recycled and recovered materials. The Village of Star Prairie shall, to the extent practicable, award contracts for equipment and supplies on the basis of recyclability and ultimate disposition of products to discourage the purchase of single use disposable products and require purchase of multiple use, durable products.
- (d) **Unauthorized Garbage.**
  - (1) No person shall dispose of or dump garbage in any ditch, street, road or public place within the Village of Star Prairie or in any receptacles or private property without the owner's consent.
  - (2) No person shall bring refuse for disposal (and recyclables) from outside the Village limits unless authorized by agreement by the Village of Star Prairie.
  - (3) It shall be unlawful to burn or bury solid waste or recyclables by residential and nonresidential sectors and at construction sites, the only exception being an allowance for open burning which shall be permitted only of clean brush, leaves or branches less than four (4) inches in diameter.

### **Sec. 8-3-4      Definitions.**

- (a) For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions are utilized:
  - (1) **Bi-metal Container.** A container for carbonated or malt beverages that is made primarily of a combination of steel and aluminum.
  - (2) **Container Board.** Corrugated paper board used in the manufacture of shipping containers and related products.
  - (3) **Foam Polystyrene Packaging.** Packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfied one (1) of the following criteria:
    - a. Is designed for serving food or beverages.
    - b. Consists of loose particles intended to fill space and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container; or,
    - c. Consists of rigid materials shaped to hold and cushion the package article in a shipping container.

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- (4) **HDPE.** High density polystyrene, labeled by the SPI Code #2.
  - (5) **LDPE.** Low density polystyrene, labeled by the SPI Code #4.
  - (6) **Magazines.** Magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.
  - (7) **Major Appliances.** A residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, stove, furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers and water heaters.
  - (8) **Multiple-Family Dwelling.** A property containing five (5) or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
  - (9) **Newspapers.** A newspaper or other materials printed on newsprint.
  - (10) **Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.** Commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and governmental facilities and properties. This term does not include multiple-family dwelling.
  - (11) **Office Paper.** High grade printing and writing papers from offices and nonresidential facilities and properties. Printed while ledger and computer printout are examples of office paper generally accepted as high grade. This term does not include industrial processed waste.
  - (12) **Other Resins or Multiple Resins.** Plastic resins labeled by SPI Code #7.
  - (13) **Person.** Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local government unit, as defined in Sec. 66.229(1), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.
  - (14) **PETE.** Polyethylene terephthalate labeled by the SPI Code #1.
  - (15) **Plastic Container.** An individual, separate, rigid plastic bottle, can, jar or carton, except for a blister pack, that is ordinarily used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale.
  - (16) **Post-Consumer Waste.** Solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in Sec. 144.61(5), Wis. Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high volume industrial wastes, as defined in Sec. 144.44(7)(a)(1), Wis. Stats.
  - (17) **PP.** Polypropylene, labeled by the SPI Code #5.
  - (18) **PS.** Polystyrene, labeled by the SPI Code #6.
  - (19) **PVC.** Polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the SPI Code #3.
  - (20) **Recyclable Materials.** Lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, yard waste, aluminum containers, corrugated paper or other container board, foam polystyrene packaging, glass 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, including those made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins steel containers; waste tires; and bi-metal containers.
  - (21) **Solid Waste.** The meaning specified in Sec. 144.01(15), Wis. Stats.
  - (22) **Solid Waste Facility.** The meaning specified in Sec. 144.43(5), Wis. Stats.

- (23) **Solid Waste Treatment.** Any method, technique or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical or biological character or composition of solid waste.
- (24) **Waste Tire.** A tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
- (25) **Yard Waste.** Leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including cleaned woody vegetative material no greater than six (6) inches in diameter. This term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

## **Sec. 8-3-5 Mandatory Recyclable Materials.**

- (a) **Separation of Recyclable Materials.** Occupants of single-family and two to four family residences, multiple family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate the following materials from post-consumer waste:
  - (1) Lead acid batteries.
  - (2) Major appliances.
  - (3) Waste oil.
  - (4) Yard waste.
  - (5) Aluminum containers.
  - (6) Bi-metal containers.
  - (7) Corrugated paper or other container board.
  - (8) Foam polystyrene packaging.
  - (9) Glass containers.
  - (10) Magazines.
  - (11) Newspapers.
  - (12) Office paper.
  - (13) Rigid plastic containers made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS and other resins or multiple resins.
  - (14) Steel containers.
  - (15) Waste tires.
- (b) **Separation Requirements Exempted.** The separation requirements of Subsection (a) above do not apply to the following:
  - (1) Occupants of single family and two to four unit residences, multiple family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties that send their post-consumer waste to a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers the materials specified in Subsection (a)(5)-(15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
  - (2) Solid waste which is burned as a supplemental fuel at a facility if less than thirty percent (30%) of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplemental fuel.

- (3) Recyclable materials specified in Subsection (a)(5)-(15) for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under Sec. 159.11(2m), Wis. Stats., or Sec. NR 544.14, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (c) **Care of Separated Recyclable Materials.** To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with Subsection (a) above shall be free and kept free of contaminants such as food or product residue, oil, grease or other recyclable materials, including but not limited to household hazardous waste, medical waste and agricultural chemical containers. Recyclable materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain or other inclement weather conditions.
- (d) **Non-Disposable Materials.** No person shall place for disposal any of the following waste: hazardous and toxic wastes, chemicals, explosives, flammable liquids, paint, trees and stumps (except Christmas trees) construction debris, carcasses, medical waste (unless personal needles which shall be contained in cardboard to eliminate injury to collection personnel).
- (e) **Special Materials.** Residents shall contact the hauler when they have couches, bulky items and construction materials from household remodeling or repair and arrangements for collection shall be made between resident and hauler.

### **Sec. 8-3-6 Preparation, Collection and Management of Recyclable Materials.**

- (a) **Management of Lead Acid Batteries, Major Appliances, Waste Oil, Waste Tires and Yard Waste.** Occupants of single family and two to four unit residences, multiple family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall manage lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, waste tires and yard waste as follows: Contact licensed hauler (Johnson Sanitation) and make arrangements for collection.
- (b) **Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials.** Except as otherwise directed by the Village Board, occupants of single family and two to four unit residences shall do the following for the preparation and collection of the separated materials specified in Section 8-3-5(a)(5)-(15), recyclable material should be dropped off at designated areas on designated days.
- (1) **Aluminum Cans.** Shall include used beverage cans only.
- (2) **Container Glass.** Includes container glass only. Glass must be cleaned, with cap and neck rings removed. Labels can remain on glass. Glass must be clear, brown or green. Glass should not be broken. Glass **does not include** ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as pyrex, lead-based glass such as crystal, TV tubes, light bulbs and drinking glasses.
- (3) **Corrugated Cardboard.** Shall include clean corrugated cardboard only, and must be flattened and bundled in bundles not more than twelve (12) inches high and twenty-four (24) inches wide and thirty-six (36) inches long. **Does not include** waxed cardboard or "chipboard" such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes and similar materials.

- (4) **Newspapers.** Shall include newspapers and newspaper advertisements. Must be bundles in bundles not more than twelve (12) inches high, or placed in a brown paper grocery bag. **Does not include** catalogs, magazines, cardboard, or other paper products. Must be bundled and tied with strong string.
  - (5) **Plastic Bottles.** Includes only **plastic bottles** clearly marked with the recycling emblem, encircling the #1 (Pet or Pete) or the #2 (HDPE). Caps must be removed. Labels can remain on plastic. Clean and flatten all bottles. Oil bottles must be drained thoroughly no residue.
  - (6) **Tin Cans.** Shall include tin coated metal cans, which must be rinsed, labels must be removed, both ends must be cut out, and cans must be flattened. Cut out ends are recyclable. Tin cans with "molded or round bottoms" can be recycled without the "molded or round bottoms" removed, provided the can has been rinsed and labels have been removed.
- (c) **Responsibilities of Owners or Agents of Multi-Family Dwellings.**
- (1) Owners or designated agents of multi-family dwellings shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in Section 8-3-5(a)(5)-(15):
    - a. Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.
    - b. Notify in writing, at the time of renting or leasing, and at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
    - c. Provide for collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants and occupants and the delivery of the material to a recycling facility.
    - d. Notify users, tenants and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle, which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address and telephone number.
  - (2) The responsibility specified in this Subsection (c) does not apply to the owners or designated agents of multi-family dwellings if the post-consumer waste generated within the dwelling is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling materials specified in Section 8-3-5(a)(5)-(15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- (d) **Prohibitions on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling.** No person may dispose of in a solid waste disposal facility or burn in a solid waste treatment facility any of the materials specified in Section 8-3-5(a)(5)-(15), which have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.
- (e) **Anti-Scavenging of Recyclables.** No person, unless under contract with the Village of Star Prairie, shall collect or remove any recyclable materials that have been deposited or placed for collection of recycling.



(f) **Specified Contracts.**

- (1) Solid waste shall be placed for collection in containers as designated by the Village of Star Prairie, not to exceed fifty (50) pounds per container or thirty-five (35) gallons, and contained in a manner to avoid litter.
- (2) Recyclables will be placed in the containers as designated by the Village of Star Prairie. If there is a greater amount of recyclables than can be contained in the designated bin, those excess materials can be contained in clear plastic bags, marked cardboard boxes, opened containers, or any other appropriate container where waste can be determined, and placed on top or adjacent to the recycling container clearly separated from the garbage.
- (3) All solid waste and recyclables shall be placed as herein required at the specified collection point no sooner than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the regularly scheduled collection time or be allowed to remain at the curb longer than twelve (12) hours thereafter.
- (4) Except as otherwise specifically directed or authorized by the Village of Star Prairie, solid waste and recycling containers shall be placed at the curblane, adjacent to the premises owned or occupied by the person, of the street designated in the published collection schedule for collection. Materials shall be placed out for collection according to the schedule days established and published by the Village of Star Prairie.

- (g) **Exemptions.** The Village of Star Prairie reserves the right to designate additional solid waste materials as recyclable or currently collected materials as no longer recyclable in accordance with state law and to either add or delete them from any collection services provided by the Village of Star Prairie. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall provide written notice to its service recipients of this declaration through official publication.

## **Sec. 8-3-7 Hauler Specifications.**

- (a) **Hauler Licensing.** No person or corporation shall engage in the business of hauling recyclables within the Village of Star Prairie without being licensed by the Department of Natural Resources under NR 502.06, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (b) **Hauler Restriction.** Haulers may not dispose in a landfill or burn in a solid waste facility any recyclable materials generated in the Village of Star Prairie that have been separated for recycling, except waste tires which may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility. Hauler shall not compact glass with paper during collection and transport of recyclables to a processing facility or market and shall maintain materials in a marketable condition.
- (c) **Right to Reject Materials.** The hauler has the right to leave any recyclable material that is not prepared according to the specifications of Section 8-3-6(b). Materials may also be left if not separated from solid waste, placed in proper container or are not designated

recyclables materials for collection. The hauler also has the right to refuse to pick up and solid waste if it contains recyclable containers and materials. In such cases, the hauler shall notify the generator of the materials about the reasons for rejecting the items in writing. The hauler shall also keep a list of repeat offenders and provide it to the Village of Star Prairie on a quarterly basis.

### **Sec. 8-3-8      Enforcement.**

- (a) **Authorized Inspection.** For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, as authorized officer, employee or representative of the Village of Star Prairie may inspect materials separated for recycling, post-consumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas in multiple-family dwelling and non-residential facilities and properties and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the Village of Star Prairie who requests access for purposes of inspection and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper or interfere with an inspection.
- (b) **Violation.** Any person who violates a provision of this Chapter may be issued a citation by the Village of Star Prairie to collect forfeitures. The issuance of citation shall not preclude proceedings under any other Chapter or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other Chapter or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude the issuance of a citation under this Subsection.