

Olmsted County Solid Waste Ordinance No. 10 (As Amended on May 1, 2013)

2.38 "Transportation" means the conveying of Solid Waste from one place to another.

2.39 "Unacceptable Waste" means those Solid Wastes which cannot be accepted for processing or disposal as defined by a facility pursuant to local, State and federal laws or permits.

2.40 "Yard Waste" means garden wastes, leaves, and lawn cuttings, but excludes waste from woody plants.

2.41 "Yard Waste Composting" means the controlled aerobic, microbial degradation of organic waste to yield a humus-like product.

2.42 "Yard Waste Compost Site" means the location and equipment used to process garden wastes, leaves, and lawn cuttings into mature compost.

SECTION 3: WASTE ABATEMENT

3.01. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to support Minnesota statutes related to the source-separation of distinct Solid Waste streams from Mixed Municipal Solid Waste to abate the need for land disposal of Solid Waste. This includes, but is not limited to, promoting the source-separation of Yard Waste to create a beneficial compost product and providing for the recovery and the reuse of Recyclable Materials to conserve natural resources and to meet the State-mandated Recycling goal. This section shall also require the delivery of Recyclable Materials to a Recycling Center and Yard Waste to a Yard Waste Compost Site, when on-site composting is not practiced.

3.02. Prohibition of Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials from the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Stream. Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials, as defined in this Ordinance, shall be excluded from Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. When aggregated for Collection, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials shall be placed in storage containers that are easily distinguishable from Mixed Municipal Solid Waste storage containers. Once said materials have been source-separated, they shall not be recombined with Mixed Municipal Solid Waste for any reason.

Subs. 1. Yard Waste Management. To avoid disposal, Generators must insure that Yard Waste is managed by one of three ways:

1. by mulching it and spreading it on the ground,
2. by composting it on-site (i.e., at a "backyard" compost site), or
3. by source-separating it and transporting it to a permitted Yard Waste Compost Site, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Commercial Hauler.

Subs. 2. General Recycling Requirements. Recyclable Materials defined in this Ordinance represent the minimum responsibility of Generators and does not limit the source-separation of additional Recyclable Materials for which an outlet is provided by Recycling Centers and Commercial Haulers. Generators are

encouraged to recycle additional items to achieve and surpass the Recycling goal set forth by State statute. Olmsted County shall adopt volume or weight-based pricing for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Collection in this Ordinance to promote Recycling. Commercial Haulers may not impose a greater charge on residents or businesses who recycle than on residents or businesses who do not recycle.

Subs. 3. Residential Recycling. Residential Generators must ensure the segregation and delivery of, at a minimum, newsprint, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans and aluminum scrap to a Recycling Center, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Commercial Hauler. Where owners and/or managers of multi-unit residential buildings provide for Collection of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, central Collection locations for Recyclable Materials generated on its premises must also be provided.

Subs. 4. Commercial Recycling. Commercial Site owners and/or managers must provide central Collection locations for Recyclable Materials generated on its premises and provide for the segregation and Collection of, at a minimum, newsprint, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans and aluminum scrap, and mixed paper and ensure delivery to a Recycling Center, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Commercial Hauler.

Subs. 5. Ownership of Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials. All Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials aggregated and offered for Collection shall remain the property and responsibility of the generator until said materials are collected by a licensed Commercial Hauler or Self-Hauled to a Yard Waste Compost Site or Recycling Center, at which time they become the property of the Commercial Hauler or Recycling Center owner, respectively. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any Person, other than the generator or the designated licensed Commercial Hauler, to take said materials aggregated for Collection for his/her own use.