

## CHAPTER 50: SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

### ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL

#### **§50.1**

The purpose of this local law is to comply with the mandate of Section 120-aa of the General Municipal Law and to provide for the source separation and segregation of residential recyclable or reusable materials from solid waste and to provide for their proper collection and disposal.

### ARTICLE II - COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION

#### **§50.20 Definitions**

- A. "Garbage" shall mean kitchen and house refuse and table cleanings, fruit and vegetable parings, decaying, vegetable, animal matter and fruit matter and fallen fruit.
- B. "Non-recyclables" shall mean all solid waste other than garbage, recyclable, construction debris, major appliances, large household furnishings, brush, tree parts, vehicle tires and batteries.
- C. "Recyclables" shall mean:
  - 1. Corrugated Paper: Cardboard containers, boxes and packaging which are cleaned of contamination by food wastes, adhesives, metals or plastics and which have been flattened or bundled for transport. This term excludes residential quantities.
  - 2. Glass: Empty, washed glass jars, bottles and containers of clear, green and amber (brown), caps removed. This term excludes ceramic, window glass, auto glass, mirror and kitchenware.
  - 3. Metal: All ferrous and non-ferrous metals, including: steel, aluminum and composite cans and containers, cleaned of food wastes, scrap metal, wire, pipes, tubing, motors, sheet-metal, etc. This term excludes abandoned automobiles.
  - 4. Newspaper: Common machine finished paper made chiefly from wood pulp used for printing newspapers, dry and free of contaminants. This term excludes glossy finished papers used for newspaper inserts and magazines.
  - 5. Office Paper: All bond paper including computer print-out, stationery, photo copy and ledger from commercial waste generators. Paper must be free of tape, adhesives, labels, rubber bands, paper clips, binders and other contaminants. This term excludes carbon papers, chemical transfer paper, windowed envelopes and glossy paper.
  - 6. Plastics: All HDPE and PET type plastics, including empty, washed, food, beverage, detergent, bleach, and hair care containers with lids removed. This term excludes all film, vinyl, rigid and foam plastic materials.

- D. "Construction debris" shall mean discarded building material, concrete, stones, earth from excavations or grading, and all other refuse matter resulting from the erection, repair or demolition of buildings, structures or other improvements of property.
- E. "Major Appliances" shall mean a large and/or bulky household mechanism such as a refrigerator, washer, dryer, stove, furnace or hot water tank.
- F. "Large Household Furnishings" shall mean all other large and/or bulky articles actually used in the home and which equip it for living such as chairs, sofas, tables, beds or carpets.
- G. "Brush" shall mean cuttings from grass, shrubs, hedges and trees which are less than four (4) inches in diameter and are produced by the individual activity or efforts of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- H. "Tree parts" shall mean cuttings from shrubs, hedges and trees which are more than four (4) inches in diameter and are produced by the individual activity or efforts of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- I. The terms "garbage", "recyclables", "non-recyclables", "construction debris" and "major appliances" shall not be construed to include "brush or tree parts".
- J. The term "garbage", "recyclables", "non-recyclables", "construction debris" and "major appliances" shall not be construed to include vehicular tires or batteries. Vehicular tires and batteries will not be collected.
- K. "Residential" shall mean a residential parcel containing no more than four residential dwelling units.( 5/8/1990)

**§50.21 Preparation of recyclables for collection**

- A. Each household and Fairmount Community Library shall deposit all garbage/non-recyclables and recyclables in a container to be provided by the Town's solid waste collector and place it at the curb for collection.
- B. At the time of placement of such solid waste at the curb for collection all such solid waste shall become and be the property of the Town of Camillus or its authorized agent. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person without authority from the Town of Camillus to collect, pick up, remove or cause to be collected, picked up or removed any such solid waste and each such collection, picking up or removal from one or more premises shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.
- C. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for a person to place at the curb for collection recyclables co-mingled with any other solid waste.

**§50.22 Preparation of garbage, non-recyclables, construction debris, major appliances, and large household furnishings for collection.**

- A. When not placed in a provided container, solid waste shall be placed in a bag securely tied or in compact bundles or packages, properly weighted down and placed at the curb; the weight or size of said bundles or packages shall not exceed sixty (60) pounds in weight or five (5) feet in length.
- B. No person shall co-mingle construction debris with any other solid waste. Construction debris shall be otherwise disposed of by the property occupant or the person creating it.
- C. All major appliances or large household furnishings which are to be discarded from a residence where the appliance or furnishing was actually in use shall be placed at the curb for collection by the Town's collector as agreed upon. It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner to dismantle the appliance or furnishing so that it will not be a hazard to the public.

**§50.23 Removal of recyclables, construction debris, major appliances and large household furnishings**

- A. The Town shall provide for the collection of residential and the Fairmount Community Library recyclables, garbage, non-recyclables, and may provide for the collection of construction debris, major appliances, and large household furnishings and designate the days and hours of such collection.
- B. The collectors or their equipment shall not enter private property or structures in making collections.
- C. All such items to be picked up must be at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collections, and no material may be placed at the curb before 12:00 p.m. of the day preceding the scheduled pick-up-day.
- D. Empty containers shall be removed from the curb before the end of the day on which collection is made.
- E. Removal of Uncollected Waste  
Where certain Solid Waste, Recyclables and/or other Waste Materials were not collected because those materials were not placed or prepared in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the person who placed such materials for collection and the owner of the premises shall remove those wastes from the curb as soon as possible after the Hauler has refused collection and, in any event, by 6:00 p.m. on the designated collection day.

**§50.24 Brush and tree parts**

- A. The Highway Superintendent is authorized to provide for the collection of brush and tree parts.
- B. The authorization provided for in the preceding paragraph shall apply only to brush and tree parts produced by the individual activity or efforts of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- C. Brush and tree parts produced by commercial contractors must be removed from the premises by

the contractor or by the owner or occupant of the premises. Such brush and tree parts may not be placed at or near the curb except temporarily as may be necessary in the course of the work which produced the brush and tree parts.

**§50.25 Unauthorized disposal of garbage, recyclables, non-recyclables or construction debris**

No person shall cart to, dump, or deposit garbage, recyclables, non-recyclables, construction debris, major appliances, large household furnishings, brush or tree parts upon any property or waterway in the Town of Camillus except under the authorization, supervision and direction of the Highway Superintendent. (amended by LL# 17 07/23/96)

**§50.26 Collection fees for non-recyclables**

- A. All eligible residential units and the Fairmount Community Library shall pay fees for non-recyclables in accordance with the current trash and recycling services contract.
- B. All fees shall be subject to revision based upon any increase of the tipping fee. In the event that said fee increases during the advance-fee period, a proportional fee adjustment shall be paid by all units entitled to be served, which fee shall be payable at the end of the applicable fee periods. Said fee adjustment shall be billed with the advance fee for the next period.
- C. Fees for new service commencing after the first day of the fee period shall be prorated and shall be due and payable within 30 days after billing. If not paid within said 30 days, a 5% penalty shall be due. In the event that said fees are not paid within 60 day after billing, collection service may be terminated by resolution of the Town Board, and the fee due shall thereupon be adjusted for the actual service period and a final bill rendered, which shall be added as a line item on the next property tax bill levied by the Town.
- D. The annual collection fee shall be billed as a line item on the annual tax bill rendered during the month of January. It shall be due and payable in the same time period and manner as all other items set forth thereon.
- E. The owner and the occupant of the residential unit shall be jointly and severally responsible for any collection fees due and payable.”

**§50.29 Penalties and Enforcement Remedies\***

- A. A violation of any Article of this Chapter is a class A misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.
- B. In addition to the penalty prescribed by Subdivision A the court shall order the violator to pay restitution to the Town of Camillus in such an amount as will fully reimburse the Town of Camillus for all economic loss and damage it sustained as a result of the violation up to the sum of \$5,000.00.
- C. Any person who shall violate this Chapter shall be liable to the Town of Camillus for any expenses, loss or damage, including damage to the environment which results from any such violation.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

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