

**CHAPTER 5**  
**Town Of Decatur**  
**AN ORDINANCE FOR**  
**MANDATORY**  
**RECYCLING IN THE TOWN OF**  
**DECATUR**

SECTION 1: WHEREAS the present trend of increasing amounts of solid waste being landfilled will lead to a shortage in landfill capacity that, if not addressed, will jeopardize the public health and welfare and the environment:  
and

SECTION 2: WHEREAS mandatory recycling of recyclable materials appears to be a safe and effective means of reducing the amount of solid waste disposed of in the Green County Landfill so as to prolong the life of the landfill and thereby protect the public health and welfare and the environment; and

SECTION 3: WHEREAS the Green County Board of Supervisors has ordained that on and after July 1, 1990, each municipality which desires to afford its residents, businesses, governmental units, and non-profit organizations located within the municipality the opportunity to deposit in the Green County Municipal Landfill any solid waste which originated in or is generated, accumulated or collected in the municipality shall first adopt and provide an effective recycling program which requires landfill users within the municipality to separate recyclable materials from all other solid waste in a manner conducive to recycling,

SECTION 4: THEREFORE, the Decatur Town Board does hereby ordain that on and after July 1, 1990,

A. All landfill users located within the municipality are required to separate, in a manner conducive to recycling, recyclable materials from all other solid waste;

B. All owners of multi-family dwelling units are required to provide adequate, separate containers for the disposal of recyclable materials, to notify tenants upon moving in and semi-annually thereafter of County and municipal requirements, and to provide for the collection and recycling of recyclable materials separated from other solid waste by the tenants;

C. All businesses, governmental units, and non-profit organizations are required to provide adequate, separate containers for the disposal of recyclable materials, to notify regularly all employees, agents, and other users or occupants of their premises of County and municipal requirements, and see that recyclable materials are separated from other solid waste by such users and occupants:

D. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in the Green County Landfill any recyclable materials unless such materials are brought to the landfill separated from all other solid waste and in a manner conducive to recycling.

"Recyclable Materials" means:

1. Corrugated Cardboard
2. Glass bottles and jars

3. Aluminum containers and scrap in whatever form
4. Newspapers
5. Magazines
6. Paper: Office Paper, Junk Mail, Flyers, Paperboard, etc.
7. High Density Polyethylene <HDPE> plastic containers
8. Polyethylene Terephthalate <PET> plastic containers
9. All plastics #1, #2, effective now; and #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and foam polystyrene beginning January 1, 1996
10. Metal containers and scrap in whatever form
11. Major Appliances: including residential & commercial furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, and microwaves from which the capacitor has been removed)
12. Waste Oil
13. Waste Tires
14. Motor Vehicle batteries
15. Yard Wastes
16. E-waste including, but not limited to Scanners, computers, printers, computer monitors, Fax machines, computer mice and keyboards, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, and other video players, and cell phones
17. Such other materials as the Green County Solid Waste Management Board may determine by rule adopted in accordance with Section 2-13-4-B-14 to be economically recyclable or necessary to prohibit in order to protect the public safety and welfare and the environment of Green County.

"A Manner Conducive to Recycling" means that all recyclable items must be separated and brought to the Landfill in the following manner:

1. Glass, Aluminum, steel, and plastic containers shall be rinsed.
2. Corrugated cardboard and newspapers shall be bundled.
3. Yard wastes shall be placed in biodegradable containers such as paper bags, cardboard boxes, or biodegradable plastic trash bags.
4. Waste Oil shall be placed in unbreakable, leak-proof containers.
5. Paper and paperboard shall be placed in brown paper bags.

E. All definitions, and recyclable material descriptions as listed in Green County Ordinance 89-12-1-0 Section 2-13-9 are hereby the definitions and descriptions of this ordinance.

F. The Decatur Town Board, the Green County Solid Waste Management Board, and any of their employees have the authority to inspect any and all items being taken to the landfill for the purpose of determining that this ordinance is being complied with. Any person, firm, or corporation violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$1.00 or more than \$200.00, plus the costs of prosecution, for each offense, and in default of such payment shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, by not to exceed 10 days.

G. The Decatur Town Board will establish a system of collection of recyclables for use by Town of Decatur residents. The Town will provide for recyclable collection or drop off site. Information on this service, and how to prepare recyclables, can be obtained from the Town Chairperson, any of the Town Board members, or the Town Clerk; and will be posted on the Town Website. Any resident of the Town not wishing to use this service will be responsible for disposing of their recyclable materials in a way which is in compliance with this ordinance.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

By the Town Board of the Town of Decatur

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Allen Schneider, Town Chairperson

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Attested by:

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