

RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE PLAN

Purpose: This policy will establish standard guidelines that will lead to compliance with the Rusk County Recycling Ordinance.

The Recycling Coordinator is responsible for enforcing the Rusk County Recycling Ordinance. Rusk County Recycling staff and personnel shall follow the guidelines identified in this Compliance Assurance Plan in response to issues associated with recycling and solid waste. This plan is intended to meet the requirements of s. NR 544.04 (9g), Wis. Adm. Code as well as the Rusk County Recycling Ordinance.

This plan is effective for the City of Ladysmith; Villages of Conrath, Hawkins, Ingram, Glen Flora and Sheldon; and Towns of Atlanta, Big Bend, Cedar Rapids, Flambeau, Grant, Hawkins, Hubbard, Lawrence, Marshall, Murry, Richland, Rusk, South Fork, Strickland, Stubbs, Thornapple, True, Washington, Wilkinson, Willard and Wilson.

Residential Recycling Program

Type of Problem	Possible Solutions						
	No collection (hauler tags bag or bin)	Drop-off site attendant rejects materials	Provide educational materials	Verbal Warning	Warning letter	Issue Citation	Refer to DNR or Sheriff's Dept.
Solutions progress from left to right column and depend of severity and frequency of problem.							
Trash found mixed with recyclables	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Recyclables found in trash	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Resident is not recycling	X		X	X	X	X	X
Resident burning recyclable material			X	X	X	X	X
Resident stockpiling tires, scrap metal, appliances, etc.			X	X	X	X	X
Roadside dumping of appliances, garbage, etc.						X	X

Multi-Family Apartments & Business Recycling Program

Type of Problem	Possible Solutions						
	Provide owner with educational materials	Perform site visit to offer suggestions for improvement	Require facility to obtain adequate receptacles	Verbal or written warning	Warning Letter	Issue citation	Refer to DNR
Solutions progress from left to right column and depend of severity and frequency of problem.							
No recycling receptacles available	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
High level of contamination in dumpsters	X	X		X	X	X	X
Not all required materials are being recycled	X	X		X	X	X	X
Hauler mixes separated recyclables with trash						X	X

EXAMPLE 1:

Problem: Property found to have no methods for recycling in place.

Compliance Strategy:

1st Response: Recycling coordinator shall send a letter to property owner reminding them of the requirement to comply with local recycling ordinances. Other educational materials will also be provided as needed.

2nd Response: Recycling coordinator shall send a letter to property owner giving them 30 days to comply with local recycling ordinances.

After 30 days has passed recycling coordinator shall inspect property to determine if property is in compliance with ordinance. If resident is found to be non-complaint the coordinator shall issue the property owner a citation per code.

EXAMPLE 2:

Problem: Unacceptable materials found mixed with recyclables.

Compliance Strategy: Recycling route driver shall notify resident by tagging the recycling bin (bag) and leave at curb or the recycling site attendant shall instruct resident on acceptable and unacceptable items.

Continued occurrences shall result in letter issued by the recycling coordinator. If compliance is not achieved coordinator shall issue a citation per code.

EXAMPLE 3:

Problem: Recyclable materials found in trash.

Compliance Strategy: Garbage route driver shall collect material and leave current recycling educational materials or site attendant shall instruct resident of recycling separation requirements.

Continue occurrences shall result in letter issued by the Recycling coordinator. If compliance is not achieved coordinator shall issue a citation per code.

ENFORCEMENT:

Education is the enforcement tool used most often. Information is provided including the recycling law; instructions on what, where, and how to recycle; and the benefits of recycling.

Businesses will have a business assessment done by the coordinator. The assessment consists of the business owner showing the Recycling Coordinator the recycling and garbage dumpsters or bins identifying the types of materials they have in the waste stream. Information regarding waste reduction and recycling separation requirements will be provided.

Continued non-compliance with the Rusk County Recycling Ordinance will result in a citation not less than \$10 or more than \$2000.