

Town of Eden, Iowa County, Wisconsin

Ordinance No. 20252

Garbage and Recycling Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations for the collection, disposal, and recycling of garbage, recyclable materials, and electronic waste (e-waste) in the Town of Eden, Iowa County, Wisconsin, in compliance with state and county regulations, including Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 287 and Iowa County ordinances.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance:

- **Garbage:** All solid waste, including food waste, non-recyclable materials, and other refuse generated by residential, commercial, or industrial activities, excluding hazardous waste, construction debris, large items, and e-waste.
- **Recyclable Materials:** Materials designated by the State of Wisconsin and Iowa County as recyclable, including but not limited to paper, glass, aluminum, steel cans, plastic containers (#1-#7), and cardboard, as specified in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 544.
- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** Discarded electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, cell phones, and other electronic equipment as specified in Section 6.
- **Large Items:** Items such as furniture, appliances (e.g., refrigerators, washers), and similar bulky items not suitable for standard garbage containers.
- **Resident:** Any person or entity occupying a property within the Town of Eden.
- **Recycling Shed:** The designated facility for garbage, recycling, and e-waste drop-off located at the Town of Eden Town Hall, 302 Division St, Cobb, WI.

Section 3: Mandatory Garbage, Recycling, and E-Waste Drop-Off

1. **Participation Required:** All residents, businesses, and institutions in the Town of Eden shall deliver their garbage, recyclable materials, and e-waste to the Recycling Shed at the Town of Eden Town Hall, 302 Division St, Cobb, WI, or arrange for an approved alternative complying with this ordinance.

2. **Approved Containers:** Garbage, recyclable materials, and e-waste must be placed in containers approved by the Town. Containers shall be durable, watertight (where applicable), and clearly labeled to prevent littering, animal access, or improper disposal. E-waste must be placed in the designated e-waste container at the Recycling Shed.
3. **Separation of Materials:** Recyclable materials and e-waste must be separated from garbage in accordance with Iowa County and Wisconsin State guidelines. Recyclables and e-waste must be clean and free of contaminants.

Section 4: Recycling Shed Hours and Drop-Off Procedures

1. **Operating Hours:** The Recycling Shed at the Town of Eden Town Hall, 302 Division St, Cobb, WI, shall be open for drop-off on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
2. **Drop-Off Procedures:** Residents shall place garbage, recyclable materials, and e-waste in the designated areas or containers at the Recycling Shed. Materials must be sorted and deposited according to posted signage or instructions provided by Town staff. E-waste must be placed in the designated e-waste container.
3. **Prohibited Placement:** No garbage, recyclable materials, or e-waste may be left at the Recycling Shed outside of designated operating hours or in unauthorized areas.

Section 5: Prohibited Activities

1. **Illegal Dumping:** Depositing garbage, recyclables, e-waste, construction materials, or large items outside the Recycling Shed, during non-operating hours, or in unauthorized locations, including public or private property without permission, is prohibited.
2. **Burning:** Burning of garbage, recyclable materials, or e-waste is prohibited, except as permitted under Wisconsin DNR regulations for yard waste.
3. **Contamination:** Placing non-recyclable materials in recycling containers, non-approved e-waste in e-waste containers, or hazardous waste in garbage containers is prohibited.
4. **Scavenging:** Unauthorized removal of garbage, recyclables, or e-waste from the Recycling Shed is prohibited.

Section 6: Special Waste and Exclusions

1. **Hazardous Waste:** Hazardous materials, including but not limited to batteries (except as specified for e-waste), chemicals, paints, and motor oil, shall not be placed in garbage, recycling, or e-waste containers. Residents must dispose of such materials at designated Iowa County or state-approved facilities.
2. **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** E-waste must be placed in the designated e-waste container at the Recycling Shed. Approved e-waste includes:
 - Computers (desktops, laptops, tablets)
 - Monitors (CRT, LCD, LED)
 - Televisions
 - Printers, scanners, and copiers
 - Keyboards, mice, and other computer peripherals
 - Cell phones and other portable communication devices
 - Consumer electronics (e.g., DVD players, stereos, gaming consoles)
 - Rechargeable batteries (e.g., lithium-ion, nickel-cadmium) used in electronic devicesNon-approved e-waste, such as items containing hazardous materials not listed above, must be disposed of at designated Iowa County or state-approved facilities.
3. **Construction Materials and Large Items:** Construction materials (e.g., lumber, drywall, concrete) and large items (e.g., furniture, appliances such as refrigerators or washers) are not permitted at the Recycling Shed. Residents must dispose of these items at designated Iowa County or state-approved facilities.
4. **Yard Waste:** Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, and branches, shall be managed in accordance with Iowa County regulations and may not be placed in garbage, recycling, or e-waste containers unless specified by the Town.

Section 7: Enforcement and Penalties

1. **Enforcement:** The Town Board or its designated agent shall enforce this ordinance. Violations may be reported to the Town Clerk or Recycling Shed staff.
2. **Penalties:**
 - First violation: Written warning.

- Illegal dumping or burning of garbage, recyclables, e-waste, construction materials, or large items may result in fines up to \$500 and referral to the Iowa County Sheriff's Office for littering and/or trespassing.

3. **Appeals:** Residents may appeal penalties in writing to the Town Board within 30 days of receiving a violation notice.

Section 8: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9: Repeal of Prior Ordinance

This ordinance repeals and replaces the Recycling Ordinance dated January 1, 1995, in its entirety.

Section 10: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Adopted by the Town Board of Eden, Iowa County, Wisconsin, on November 3, 2025

Town Board Signatures:

Town Chairperson

Rick Zomle

Town Clerk

Cheryl Kelley