

“Trash Talk” Storage of Solid Waste at Individual Properties

This office receives several calls, or inquires regarding their neighbor's property. If you believe your neighbor's property is unsightly you need to start with notifying your township officials to ask for their help. If the elected township officials decide to take action the township must write a letter to the Solid Waste Department requesting help, and recommended action. The Solid Waste Committee will review all township requests and decide what action will be taken. Exhibit B: Solid Waste Site Violation Flow Chart can be found in the Solid Waste Ordinance 13

Property owners and managers shall maintain their open areas free of Solid Waste accumulations unless the solid waste is stored in an acceptable container as specified in this Ordinance, to preclude the development of vectors, and odors, or become Public Health Nuisance. Ref: Minn. Rules 7035.0700, and 7035.2855.

- A. The owner, lessee and occupant of any premises, business establishment or industry shall be responsible for the satisfactory storage of all solid waste accumulated at that premise, business establishment, or industry. No building, structure, area, or premise shall be constructed or maintained for human occupancy, use, or assembly without adequate facilities for sanitary and safe storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of all solid wastes.
- B. Putrescible waste, including but not limited to garbage, shall be stored in:
 - 1. durable, rust-resistant, non-absorbent, water-tight, rodent-proof, easily cleanable containers with close-fitting, fly-tight covers, and having adequate handles to facilitate handling, or
 - 2. Other types of containers acceptable to the solid waste collection service, in compliance with pertinent statutes, Agency regulations, and approved by the Solid Waste Administrator. The size and allowable weight of the containers may be determined by the solid waste collection service as approved by the Solid Waste Administrator.
 - 3. Solid waste shall be stored in durable containers or as otherwise provided in this ordinance. Where putrescible wastes are stored in combination with non-putrescible wastes, containers for the storage of the mixture shall meet the requirements for putrescible waste containers.
 - 4. Toxic or hazardous wastes shall be stored in durable, leak-proof containers which are labeled with a description of the chemical composition of them substance stored therein. Such wastes shall be stored in a safe location and in compliance with the requirements of pertinent statutes, Agency regulations, and this ordinance.

5. Solid waste objects or materials too large or otherwise unsuitable for storage containers shall be stored in a manner which is pollution-free, nuisance-free, and satisfactory to the Solid Waste Administrator.
6. All storage of solid waste shall conform to all pertinent statutes and Agency regulations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit non-compliance with those statutes and regulations.

A copy of the Solid Waste Ordinance can be found on the Beltrami County Website:
<https://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/media/oaegzc0y/ordinance-13.pdf>

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<https://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/Departments/Solid%20Waste/Commercial.html>.