

RECYCLING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN

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APPROVED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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PREAMBLE

Because the citizens of the Town of Dresden recognize the importance of responsible waste management in protecting our precious water, land, and air resources; because we have long recognized the role of recycling in responsible waste management; and in order to reduce the escalating environmental and economic costs of waste disposal, the voters of Dresden adopt this ordinance. It is our intent to recycle waste as the primary step in responsible waste management, before resorting to other disposal methods.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to implement **MANDATORY** recycling as previously adopted by the town.

APPLICABILITY

This ordinance shall apply to all residential, commercial, and industrial establishments.

AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Home Rule powers as granted in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution, Title 30A, M.R.S.A. Section 3001, and Title 38, M.R.S.A. Section 1305.

DEFINITIONS

Recyclables – All materials which the Selectmen shall determine can reasonably be recovered, separated, collected, and reprocessed from the waste stream and sold or reused, including by example, but not limited to: containers of glass, plastic, , corrugated cardboard, newsprint, mixed paper, tin and aluminum cans, and waste motor oil.

Recycling Rules and Procedures – A document adopted by the Selectmen, (see addendum), which itemizes the materials which are to be recycled and how they are to be separated and prepared, and describes the procedures for depositing materials at the Dresden Recycling Center.

RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of each household and commercial establishment to separate and prepare recyclable materials from all other types of waste, and to see that they are transported to recycling facility.

The Selectmen will establish what materials are to be recycled and how they are to be prepared by publishing a document called “Recycling Rules and Procedures”, which will be posted at all times at the Dresden recycling Center and in the Town Office.

ENFORCEMENT

The Selectmen are authorized to take all reasonable measures permitted by law to enforce this ordinance.