

# Solid Waste

## Chapter 20

Township  
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SLIPPERY ROCK  
BUTLER COUNTY  
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# Chapter 20 Solid Waste Revisions

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| 8/22/2016     | Part 102 Definitions  | Added language to Municipal Waste to include pet waste. |
| 8/22/2016     | Part 103 #3 E - Standards and Regulations for Storage of Municipal Waste Prior to Collection. | Added language for Pet Waste (Feces and Cat Litter)     |
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## PART 1

### Solid Waste Management and Recycling

#### §101. Short Title.

This Part shall be known and may be cited as the “Township of Slippery Rock Municipal Solid Waste Management and Recycling Ordinance.” (Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §I)

#### §102. Definitions.

The following words and phrases as used in this Part shall have the meaning ascribed to them herein, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

ACT 101 — the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101).

ALUMINUM — empty all-aluminum food and beverage containers, clean aluminum foil and pie tins, aluminum siding, aluminum frames of furniture, scrap from industrial sources and other all-aluminum materials.

AUTHORIZED COLLECTOR — a person, firm, partnership, corporation or public agency authorized by the County and/or Township to collect municipal waste from residential, commercial, municipal and institutional establishments.

BIMETALLIC CONTAINERS — empty food or beverage containers consisting of ferrous sides with aluminum top and bottom. A container is bimetallic if a magnet sticks to the sides but not the ends.

BULKY ITEMS — large waste items including, but not limited to, appliances, auto parts, furniture, trees and branches or stumps or other items too large for approved reusable or disposable waste containers.

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT — those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES — events that are sponsored by public or private agencies or individuals including, but not limited to, fairs, bazaars, socials, picnics and organized sporting events attended by 200 or more individuals per day.

CORRUGATED PAPER — container board cartons, Kraft liner board and shipping boxes with corrugated paper medium. This definition also includes Kraft (brown) paper bags.

DETACHABLE CONTAINER — any metal or plastic bin or container which may be mechanically lifted and empties into a collection vehicle.

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GLASS CONTAINERS — empty bottles and jars made of clear, green or brown glass. This definition does not include noncontainer glass, window glass blue glass, porcelain, ceramic products and light bulbs.

HIGH GRADE OFFICE PAPER — printing, writing and computer paper used in commercial, institutional and municipal establishments as well as in residences. This definition includes white paper, white ledger, bond paper, colored ledger, computer printouts, computer tab cards and copy machine paper.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE — any waste generated from products used in residential establishments that are toxic, corrosive, flammable or explosive.

INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT — facilities that house or serve groups of people including but not limited to, factories, foundries, mills, processing plants, refineries and mining operations.

INSTITUTIONAL ESTABLISHMENT — facilities that house or serve groups of people including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, day care-care centers, schools and colleges.

LEAD ACID BATTERIES — automotive, truck and industrial batteries that contain lead.

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING — properties having three or more dwelling units per structure.

MUNICIPAL ESTABLISHMENT — public facilities operated by the Township and other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies.

MUNICIPAL WASTE — unwanted garbage, refuse, pet waste and other discarded solid material resulting from residential, industrial, commercial and agricultural operations and from community activities. Unwanted liquids, semisolids and contained gaseous materials are hereby defined as solid waste. Recyclable and reusable materials, including any compostable organic waste, do not constitute solid waste for the purpose of this Part.

(Ord.2016-4, 8/22/2016, §102 &§103)

MUNICIPALITY — Township of Slippery Rock.

NEWSPAPERS — paper of the type commonly referred to as newsprint.

PERSON — any individual, partnership, corporation, association, institution, cooperative enterprise, municipality, municipal authority or any other legal entity whatsoever which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties.

PLASTIC — such as containers for milk, food containers, household product containers, PET soda bottles, beverage containers and other plastic products.

**RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** — materials generated by residential, commercial, municipal and institutional establishments for which recycling markets exist and for which there is a recycling agent. Recycling materials may include clear glass, colored glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic containers, high grade office paper, newspapers, corrugated paper, plastics and any other item selected by the Township or County or specified in amendments to Act 101.

**RECYCLING** — the collection separation, recovery and sale or reuse of metals, glass, paper, plastics and other materials which would otherwise be disposed or processed as municipal waste.

**RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT** — any occupied single-family, duplex or multifamily dwelling of two units or less.

**SCAVENGING** — unauthorized or uncontrolled removal of solid waste materials placed for collection, removal from a solid waste processing or disposal facility.

**SOURCE-SEPARATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** — materials that are separated from municipal waste at the point of origin for the purpose of being recycled.

**STEEL CONTAINERS** — all coated (tin, zinc, etc.) and other empty ferrous food and beverage containers. This definition also includes ferrous and alloyed ferrous scrap materials derived from iron, and stainless steel and white goods (large appliances).

**STORAGE** — the containment of any waste on a temporary basis in such a manner as to not constitute disposal of such waste.

**YARD WASTE** — leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and tree trimmings, grass clippings and similar material.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §II)

**§103. Standards and Regulations for Storage of Municipal Waste Prior to Collection.**

1. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following preparation standards:
  - A. All municipal waste shall be enclosed in leak proof containers.
  - B. The Township reserves the right to modify the preparation and storage procedures to facilitate the collection and recovery of certain waste materials.
2. All municipal waste shall be stored in containers approved by the Township and shall comply with the following standards:

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- A. Reusable containers shall be constructed of durable, watertight, rust and corrosion resistant material.
  - B. Reusable containers for residences shall have tight-fitting covers, have suitable lifting handles and shall have a capacity not more than 30 gallons. If detachable containers are in use, the Township may waive these standards.
  - C. Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers; provided, that the bags are designed for waste disposal. Such bags shall be securely tied at the top for collection and shall have a capacity of not more than 30 gallons.
  - D. All containers, whether reusable or disposable, shall be kept tightly covered at all times and shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.
3. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following storage standards:
- A. Reusable containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. The interior of the containers shall be kept clean by thoroughly rinsing, draining and disinfecting as often as necessary.
  - B. Containers shall be covered or sealed at all times and waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container.
  - C. With the exception of pickup days when containers are placed out for collection, all containers shall be properly stored on the owner's property.
  - D. Bulky waste items shall be stored in a manner that will prevent the accumulation collection of water, the harborage or breeding of vectors, insects, or rodents or the creation of safety and fire hazards.
  - E. Pet Waste (Feces and Cat Litter)
    - (1) No person shall permit the accumulation of Pet Waste upon their property, or property occupied by them, to the extent that it poses a health risk to community and/or the odor is noticeable to the adjoining property owners; or in a way that attracts insects, rodents or becomes a source of pollution.
    - (2) Pet waste stored at a roadside for pickup by an approved waste carrier shall be stored in a sanitary manner within a sealed, nonabsorbent, leak proof container. Disposal shall not include placement in a storm sewer, or placing unwrapped or unsealed pet waste in a trash can. Bagged pet waste shall be further secured in trash cans to prevent odors, spillage and/or access by animals.

(Ord.2016-4, 8/22/2016, §102 & §103)



4. The storage of all municipal waste from multifamily housing, commercial, institutional and municipal establishments and industrial lunchrooms and office wastes shall comply with the regulations and standards set forth in this Part. The type, size and placement of bulk containers for these establishments shall be determined by the waste generator and authorized collector and are subject to approval by the Township.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §III)

**§104. Standards and Regulations for Collection.**

1. All residential properties shall use an authorized collection service unless they prove to the Township that they have made alternative arrangements consistent with this Part.
2. All multifamily housing, commercial, institutional and municipal establishments and industrial establishments with office and lunchroom wastes shall use an authorized collection service of their choice.
3. Collection service shall be provided in compliance with the following standards:
  - A. All residential waste shall be collected once a month with the exception that arrangements shall be made in advance with the collector for pickup of bulky waste and for payment of any special fees.
  - B. All multifamily housing, commercial, municipal, institutional and industrial waste shall be collected once a month.
  - C. All recyclable materials shall be collected at least once each month.
  - D. Each authorized collector shall establish a regular collection schedule in the Township and shall so notify the Township of the days and times. If a regular collection day falls on a holiday, the collector shall notify all customers and the Township as to when collection will be made.
4. All authorized collectors operating within the Township shall comply with the Butler County Municipal Waste Management Ordinance regarding licensing of collectors and the transportation of waste to the County designated disposal facilities.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §IV)

**§105. Collection and Disposal Charges.**

All authorized collectors shall be responsible for the collection of any fees or charges for municipal waste collection and disposal services provided to residential, commercial, institutional, municipal and industrial sources within the Township. (Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §V)

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### **§106. Separation and Recollection of Recyclables.**

1. Persons in residential establishments shall separate recyclable materials from other waste. Recyclable materials shall be placed at the curbside. Recyclable materials shall be prepared for collection according to Township or County guidelines and shall be placed in containers available from the Township for a minimum charge or cut and baled, bundled, tied, stacked or packaged in compliance with the guidelines.
  - A. Use of the allocated recycling container for any purpose other than the recycling program shall be a violation of this Part.
2. An owner, landlord or agent of the owner or landlord of a multifamily housing property with three or more units shall comply with its recycling responsibilities by establishing a collection program for the tenants at each property. The collection system shall include suitable containers provided by the owner, landlords or agent for sorting and collection of recyclable materials. The container shall be placed in easily accessible locations, and written instructions shall be provided to the tenants concerning use and availability of the collection system.
  - A. Owners, landlords or agents of multifamily properties who are in compliance with this Part shall not be liable for noncompliance by the occupants of their property.
  - B. Owners, landlords or agents of multifamily properties who have recyclable materials collected by a collection firm other than the Township or its designated collector(s) shall submit an annual report to the Township reporting the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year.
3. Commercial, institutional, municipal establishments and community activities shall separate materials as may be designated by the Township and shall store the recyclable materials until collection. These establishments may be exempted of materials specified by this Part and provide documentation to the Township annually indicating the designated recyclable materials being recycled and indicating the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year.
  - A. It shall be the responsibility of each establishment and community activity to submit an annual report to the Township reporting the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §VI)

### **§107. Ownership of Recyclables.**

All recyclable materials, when placed at the curbside, become the property of its authorized collector except as provided below:

- A. Any person may donate or sell recyclable materials to individuals or organizations authorized by the Township. The recyclable materials shall be either delivered to the individual organization site or may be placed at the curb for collections by said individual or organization.
- B. Any person who donates or sells recyclable materials shall not receive a discount in waste collection fees paid to their authorized collector.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §VII)

**§108. Franchise or License.**

- 1. The municipal officials or their designated representatives shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this Part.
- 2. The Township may enter into an agreement with public or private agencies or firms to authorize said agencies or firms to collect all or part of municipal wastes and/or recyclable materials.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §VIII)

**§109. Administration and Enforcement.**

The Township officials of the Township of Slippery Rock or their designated representative shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this Part. The Township officials are authorized by this Part to enact reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of this Part including, but not limited to:

- A. Designating recyclable materials to be separated by residential establishments and designating additional recyclable materials to be separated by commercial, institutional and Township establishments.
- B. Establishing collection procedures for recyclable materials.
- C. Establishing reporting procedures for volumes of materials recycled.
- D. Establishing procedures for the distribution, monitoring and collection of recycling containers.
- E. Establishing procedures and rules for the collection of yard waste.

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §IX)

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**§110. Penalties.**

1. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this Part and its rules and regulations shall receive an official written warning of noncompliance for the first offense.
2. Thereafter, all such violations shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided. No enforcement of §103 and §104 of this Part shall be made until three months from the effective date of this Part.
3. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. [Ord. 2/12/2002]

(Ord. 1-96, 2/13/1996, §10; as amended by Ord. 2/12/2002 as amended by Ord. 2016-4, 8/22/16 , §102 & §103)