

ORDINANCE #51 REPEALED BY ORDINANCE #118

51. AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SEPARATION, RECOVERY, COLLECTION, REMOVAL, STORAGE, AND DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND OTHER REFUSE, INCLUDING RECYCLABLES (FEBRUARY 16, 1982)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

Section 1. “Recyclables” are hereby defined as discarded material which may be reclaimed and which are considered saleable and “recyclable” by the Town of Groton. For purposes of this Ordinance, they are defined in the following categories:

- (a) Paper, clean and unsoiled, including:
 - 1. Newsprint, all newspapers and newspaper advertisements, supplements, comics and enclosures;
 - 2. Computer paper, non-carbonized and untreated;
 - 3. Magazines;
 - 4. Corrugated boxes, cardboard, cardboard cartons, pasteboard and similar corrugated and kraft paper materials;
 - 5. Wrapping paper of all kinds.

Paper recyclables do not include miscellaneous stationary products or paper products other than those listed.

- (b) Unbroken glass, glass bottles, all types of cans and other aluminum products, including used aluminum trays and foil, but not including dishes, crockery or spark plugs.
- (c) Ferrous metals (iron and steel), tires, other rubber products, waste oil, wood, wooden pallets and firewood.

Section 2. All recyclables shall be separated from non-recyclables in the following manner:

- (a) Clean and unsoiled paper shall be separated into the individual categories defined under Section 1(a) above and tightly packed in standard grocery or paper shopping bags, placed in corrugated boxes or securely tied in flat bundles, none of which shall weigh more than fifty (50) pounds. If not used for packing other paper recyclables, corrugated boxes and cardboard cartons shall be collapsed and tied in bundles not weighing more than fifty (50) pounds.

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- (b) Unbroken glass, glass bottles, all types of cans and other aluminum products, including used aluminum trays and foil, shall be separated from other rubbish and combined in one or more upright containers (preferably plastic) used only for this category of recyclables and containing no paper, plastic, or other rubbish. These recyclables need not be washed, flattened or processed in any way, and labels, lids, corks and neck rings need not be removed. The container(s) shall be covered and marked with two decals, obtained from the Superintendent of Public Works, and placed on opposite sides approximately half-way up the side of each container. The container(s) must be kept clean and in such a place as not to constitute a nuisance or otherwise be objectionable.
- (c) All other recyclables shall be separated from non-recyclables and maintained in an orderly condition so as not to constitute a nuisance or otherwise be objectionable.

Section 3. Recyclables shall be separate from other garbage or rubbish and placed at the street curb or curblin for collection according to a schedule to be determined by resolution of the City Council. In no event will the scheduled collection of recyclables be less than twice a month, except that recyclables defined under Section 1(c) above will only be collected twice a year during the annual Spring and Fall clean-ups. In the event of rain or snow, no paper recyclables will be collected and none should be placed out for collection. Recyclables not handled as specified in Section 2 above will not be collected.

Section 4. No person having custody or control of residential, industrial or business premises from which garbage, rubbish or other refuse, including recyclables, is collected in the City of Groton shall permit or cause any garbage, rubbish or other refuse, including recyclables, within his control to become a hazard to public travel, health, or safety, or to become a nuisance of any sort.

Section 5. No person, other than authorized persons, shall pick up recyclables from the curb or curblin of premises where refuse is collected by the City of Groton. For purposes of this Ordinance, authorized persons shall be limited to:

- (a) Authorized employees of the City of Groton acting in the course of their employment; or
- (b) Agents of non-profit institutions, which institutions have been specifically authorized in writing by the Mayor to pick up recyclables.

Section 6. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. In addition, the City of Groton reserves the right to refuse to collect garbage, rubbish or other refuse, where the spirit or letter of this Ordinance is ignored.

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Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby

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