



# VILLAGE OF BROWN DEER REFUSE AND RECYCLING

CREATING A CLEANER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY  
AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PROPER WASTE  
HANDLING, REDUCTION, RECYCLING, REUSE.

The Village provides refuse and recycling collection for condominium complexes. Each condominium complex has different size refuse and recycling containers. This brochure will provide you with the rules and guidelines to be a Refuse and Recycling Manager.

## Who is a Refuse and Recycling Manager?

**YOU ARE!** Each resident in the village has the **R**esponsibility to manage their refuse and recyclables and comply with the law – YES, it is the law! Each resident should have **R**espect for their neighbors, the environment, and the future of their children and the community. **R**esponsibility and **R**espect are the two hidden, but important “R’s” in refuse and recycling.

**What is Refuse/Waste Management?** The following brochure and inserts will help guide you through the proper way to manage your refuse/waste – the Do’s, the Don’ts.

## REFUSE - DO’S

- place all household/kitchen refuse/waste in bags, seal and place in the refuse container (must be free of liquids)
- **3C’s** **C**ompact, **C**rush, **C**ollapse your refuse/waste when placing it into the bag
- **R**educe the amount of refuse/waste you generate
  - buy in bulk when possible
  - use refillable and reusable products
  - by concentrates to reduce packaging
  - use cloth towels and not paper
  - bring your own bags to stores
  - sell or donate used goods such as clothing, furniture and toys to thrift shops, daycares, charity or second hand stores
- ashes, sawdust, construction dust, vacuum cleaner dust, etc. shall be double bagged, sealed and placed in the refuse container
- broken glass/mirrors shall be sealed in a taped cardboard box and marked “broken glass” and placed in the refuse container

- cardboard or paper contaminated by oil, grease, or food shall be bagged and placed in the refuse container – unstained pizza/food boxes are recyclable and go in the recycling container
- small animal carcasses shall be double bagged and put in the refuse container

## REFUSE - DON’TS

- do not place recyclables in the refuse container
- do not place yard waste in the refuse container
- do not place any scrap metal or aluminum in the refuse container – take to Recycling Center
- do not place electrical or electronic equipment in the refuse container
- do not place oils or any other liquid in the refuse container
- do not place construction debris in the refuse container (small broken items may be placed in the container)
- do not place any batteries, fluorescent tubes /bulbs or thermostats in the refuse container
- do not place any hazardous or medical supplies or medications in the refuse container – contact the Northshore Health Department at 371-2980. Watch for Medicine Collection Day – for 2008 – April 19th
- flush animal waste down toilet, alternative – double bag and place in the refuse container
- do not place explosive material/ammunition in the refuse container – contact the Police Department at 371-2900
- do not place anything outside the container – it will not be picked up

**CONTAINERS HOLDING ILLEGAL MATERIAL OR REQUIRING ADDITIONAL PICKUPS WILL BE BILLED TO THE COMPLEX**

**CONDO OWNERS THAT RENT UNITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING THEIR TENANT’S ON RECYCLING RULES AND PRACTICES.**

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### **Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection:**

If the following holidays fall on a weekday, collection will be one day late after the holiday.

New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

### **Snow Emergency Refuse/Recycling Collection:**

When the Village declares a Snow Emergency, collection may be delayed the number of days the snow emergency exists. Normal collection will commence as soon as possible after the emergency has been cancelled. Contact the Public Works at 357-0120 for information on Snow Emergencies.



### **Move-out/Household cleanup:**

To be considered a move-out or household cleanup, you must have six or more 30-gallon bags or containers (max. 40lbs. ea.) of material. This shall be a special pick-up. Call Veolia at 262-679-0860 to schedule a pick-up. If you have five or less bags/containers, it is not a Move-out/Household cleanup. Follow condo association rules.



### **Appliances and Furniture:**

Large appliances, microwaves, TV's and stereos in wooden consoles, and large furniture shall be a special pick-up. Call Veolia at 262-679-0860 to schedule a pick-up and location. All items must be placed outside for pick-up. Have vendor take old appliance when new is delivered. Try to sell some of these items first through store postings or ad's, or recycle and give to refinishers, second hand/thrift stores, or charities. College students need furniture for their apartments – list free for pick-up at the colleges.



### **Building Material:**

Debris from remodeling, construction projects or work done by contractors will not be collected. Removal of this material is the property owner's responsibility and does not go in the regular refuse container.



**Yard Waste:** Contractors doing yard maintenance and landscaping shall remove all material generated by their operation. Use contractors that compost and use natural materials. Condominium complexes with volunteer maintenance by unit owners can bring material to the Village Recycling Center after approval by the Department of Public Works – 357-0120.



### **Household Hazardous Waste/ Infectious Waste/Flammable**

**Liquids/Chemicals:** will not be collected. See HHW insert or [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com). Watch for the yearly Medicine Collection Day.



### **Paint and Related Products:**

Liquid - paint, varnish, stains, thinner/ stripper, etc. will not be collected. See HHW insert or [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com). Open cans of dried or hard paint can be put in the refuse container. If the can has a small amount of liquid – pour it on paper and let dry and place dry open can and paper in the refuse container.



### **Waste Motor Oil and Filters:**

Waste motor oil and filters can be taken to the Village Recycling Center. Waste oil is collected, filtered and used for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade heating oil. The Village is paid for this oil, which covers the cost of the oil filter and other recycling.



### **Cooking Oil:** (turkey deep fryer units)

Mix oil with floor dry or cat litter until all liquid is absorbed. Store in a double bag, seal and place in the refuse container.



### **Vehicle and Household Batteries:**

will not be collected. Vehicle batteries should be returned to battery dealers. Regular household batteries should be taken to battery stores. See the 2008 Resource Directory at [www.besmart.org](http://www.besmart.org) or at [www.browndeerwi.org](http://www.browndeerwi.org)



### **Propane/Helium/Pressurized**

#### **Gas Containers:** will not be collected.

These can be disposed of for a fee at private bottle gas companies. See the 2008 Resource Directory at [www.besmart.org](http://www.besmart.org) or at [www.browndeerwi.org](http://www.browndeerwi.org)



### **Gas Cans:**

Gas cans are to be empty and left open. Gas cans can then be dropped off at the Village Recycling Center.



### **Fluorescent Tube/Bulbs and**

#### **Thermostats:** will not be collected. These

should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off sites. Call 414-225-2066 or visit [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com). Also, see the 2008 Resource Directory at [www.besmart.org](http://www.besmart.org) or at [www.browndeerwi.org](http://www.browndeerwi.org). These items contain mercury and are banned from landfills. Place in a sealed double bag in case of breakage.

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**Auto/Truck Tires:** will not be collected. Worn tires should be taken to a tire dealer for proper recycling.



**Scrap Metal: (Iron, steel, aluminum)** Scrap metal such as pipe, chain, tools, pots and pans, cans shall be taken to the Recycling Center.



**Brush and Leaf Collection:** See Yard Waste. Brush shall consist of all “woody” material less than 5 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. All brush and logs (6”+ diameter) can be taken to the Recycling Center. Remove as much dirt as possible from stumps/roots. Brush and logs cut by a contractor should be disposed of by the contractor.

For volunteer maintenance, leaves, yard and garden waste shall be placed in compostable paper bags or containers clearly marked “Yard Waste”. Maximum weight of any bag or container shall not exceed 40 lbs. These materials can be taken to the Recycling Center. Do not seal bags with duct tape – it is not compostable. Green grass clippings will not be collected or taken to the Recycling Center. Condo’s are urged to use (have their contractors use) a mulching lawn mower and compost as much as possible.



**Composting:** The Village urges residents and condominium complexes to compost as much yard and garden waste as possible. See [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org) for training courses. Composting rules are:

- composting shall be in a freestanding bin no taller than 5 feet.
- composts shall be maintained to prevent odors and the harborage of rodents and other animals and pest insects
- composts shall be more than 3 feet from any property line or building, for corner lots shall be located more than 10 feet from the street line, located in the rear yard and screened from public view
- ingredients for composts shall include:
  - o green grass clippings, yard and garden waste
  - o leaves and fine wood chips
  - o raw vegetable and fruit scraps
  - o coffee grounds, tea leaves, ashes
  - o horse, sheep or cow manure
  - o commercial compost additives
- composts shall not contain:
  - o lakeweed or other weeds
  - o cooked or uncooked food scraps, oil, grease, fats

- o fish, meat, dairy or other animal products
- o dog or cat manure (carnivorous)
- o no large objects that impede composting



**Holiday Decorations and**

**Christmas Trees:** Wreaths, garland and Christmas trees are considered refuse and are to be placed in the refuse container. Discard tree stands, light strings, ornaments, and tree bags – do not leave them on the trees. Corn stalks and Halloween pumpkins, and other natural decorations are recyclable and can be put in compostable bags and taken to the Recycling Center.

**NOTE: IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO BURN**



**SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS:**

Smoke detectors can be one of two kinds: photoelectric or ionizing. The ionizing variety contains a small amount of radioactive material, americium-241. Although more expensive, homeowners should consider purchasing the photoelectric variety to avoid future disposal problems. Carbon Monoxide detectors have an electrochemical sensor and possible continuous digital readout with a large backlit display. Contact the manufacturer to see if out-of-service smoke detectors can be returned. Most manufacturers will take back their own detectors and dispose of or recycle the components.

**EXTRA SAVINGS FOR CONDO’S**

- Adopt-a-plant bed – save maintenance costs for the complex. Residents do this for beds in the Village.
- Naturalized landscaping – saves money on chemicals, cutting and maintenance.
- Can crusher at recycling area(s) – save space.
- Additional recycling containers, but first crush, compact, collapse.
- Bag deposit(s) for paper and plastic bags – save space return to stores – some stores give credits.
- Incentive program for tenants that recycle the most?
- Safer/natural cleaners from common items – see Green Websites for ideas.
- Paper/cardboard binders at recycling area(s) – save space and carts.
- Plastic bottle crusher at recycling area(s) – save space and carts.
- Share recycling tips and ideas in condo newsletters.
- Join other owners in bulk purchases to save packaging.

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**Recycling can reduce your household garbage and save resources. It is also very costly to expand and create new landfills. But what goes in your recycling container? Figuring out what you can and cannot recycle can be downright confusing. There are some basics that will make recycling convenient and reduce your environmental impact.**

- Flatten boxes, bulky containers and aluminum cans.
- Save water by rinsing only what is sticky or stinky.
- Play by the recycling rules. They aren't in place to keep the containers spick-and-span, there's a bigger purpose. Broken glass or wet cardboard can clog processing machines. Paper goods with food residue, like last night's greasy pizza box, can contaminate an entire bale of paper.

### **RECYCLING - the DO'S, the DON'TS**



#### **GLASS**

**DO RECYCLE** unbroken glass containers such as applesauce jars, ketchup bottles, perfume bottles, wine and beer bottles.

**DON'T RECYCLE** baking dishes, ceramics, windows, mirrors and vases; they are made differently than containers and can contaminate. Donate household goods, and dispose of broken glass and incandescent bulbs separately.

**YOUR GLASS** becomes food containers, tiles, landscaping pebbles and road surfacing.



#### **PAPER**

**DO RECYCLE** newspapers, magazines, cardboard and mixed papers such as corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, junk mail (including envelopes with plastic windows), catalogs, telephones books, plain gift-wrap, books and stapled paper. Go to Direct Marketing Assoc. [www.dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php](http://www.dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php) to get yourself off mailing lists to reduce your mail.

**DON'T RECYCLE** food-stained papers, foil or glitter gift wrap, tissues, stickers, wet paper products, and those containing plastic, wax or metal foil coatings. Remove hot melt glue used to attach ads to the front of phone books and magazines.

**YOUR PAPER** becomes newsprint, boxes, insulation and animal bedding. One Sunday paper recycled each month saves a tree a year.



#### **METAL**

**DO RECYCLE** aluminum and steel (which includes tin) in the form of beverage and food cans, disposable aluminum pans and aerosol cans.

**DON'T RECYCLE** contaminated foil wrap, pop tops and other metals curbside. Instead, donate to charity usable items such as flatware, can openers and tools. Call a scrap metal company for heavy loads such as house siding, and gutters.

**YOUR ALUMINUM** becomes beverage cans, cookware, bike parts, and tennis rackets; old steel becomes new steel and may wind up as filing cabinets, auto parts, or appliances.



#### **PLASTICS (1 thru 7)**

**DO RECYCLE** all bottles and rigid containers, for example: beverage bottles, milk jugs, dish and laundry detergent bottles, and peanut butter jars, grocery bags (if not returned to store), shrink wrap, caps. (Note: If there is not a recycling market for any type of plastic – it still will not go to our landfill)

**DON'T RECYCLE** spray nozzles and pumps, foam packaging (note: some packing peanuts are cornstarch base and dissolve in water). Donate usable items such as toys.

**YOUR PLASTIC** turns into beverage and shampoo bottles, fleece, pipes, fencing, deck planks and gutters, refuse & recycling containers. Recycling five soda bottles yields enough material for one square foot of carpet or fiberfill for a ski jacket.



#### **COMPUTERS and Electronics**

**Recycling:** Computers and any other electronics in plastic housings can be dropped off at the Village Recycling Center. TV's and stereos that are in wooden consoles are furniture and require a special pick-up and disposal. See Appliances and Furniture.

**YOUR ELECTRONICS** are processed for plastics and metals. Units that can be refurbished are re-sold and the Village can get a share of the sale price to offset the recycling cost. Many electronics have hazardous metals that are banned from landfills.

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