

Chapter 30

SOLID WASTE*

* **State Law References:** Solid waste management, MCL 324.11501 et seq.; littering, MCL 324.8901 et seq.; hazardous waste, MCL 324.11101 et seq.

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ARTICLE II.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Sec. 30-20. Purpose.

The fundamental purpose of this article is to promote the public safety, health and general welfare of the inhabitants of the township.

(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.012)

Sec. 30-21. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Disposal site means a place for storing solid waste or for storing hazardous waste, licensed by the state under applicable law. As appropriate the term includes a licensed junkyard or dismantling or salvage yard, but only for storage of reusable items of trash such as junk automobiles and parts, appliances, machinery or reusable building materials.

Extracted stumps means tree or bush stumps that have been extracted, dug or removed from the ground. The term shall include the attached root systems and any branches attached to the stump.

Garbage means all putrescible waste, including animal, fruit and vegetable wastes and discarded food of any type or any filthy or offensive substances.

Refuse means and shall include the terms garbage, rubbish, trash, extracted stumps, all as further defined in this article, and in addition includes all litter and waste material not specifically described in this section.

Rubbish means and shall include all tin cans, bottles, paper cartons, rags, discarded clothing, discarded utensils, discarded containers, sweepings, glass, crockery, nails, tin, wire, lightbulbs, signs, advertising matter, and such other materials as are normally discarded from a household.

Storage building means a freestanding, fully enclosed roofed building erected on any property in accordance with the zoning ordinance and building codes applicable, in which certain types of refuse as hereinafter provided, may be stored.

Trash means and shall include such items of discard which are not normally associated with residential usage, also discarded household appliances, dismantled vehicles or their parts, tires, and discarded or dismantled machinery or tools.

(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.021; Ord. No. 07152002, 7-15-2002)

Sec. 30-22. General prohibition.

No person shall store or dispose of refuse in the township, except as permitted by this article.
(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.022)

Sec. 30-23. Storage.

(a) Garbage and small items of rubbish shall be completely contained within watertight containers with tightfitting covers with a capacity of at least ten gallons. Said storage shall occur for a period not to exceed ten days, after which the said refuse shall be taken to the appropriate disposal site.

(b) Items of trash which are junk vehicles, tires, appliances, used machinery, and usable building materials may be stored only in a storage building in which they fit completely and are fully enclosed, provided that one unlicensed vehicle, not dismantled, may be stored outside provided it is in the rear yard of the property. All other trash, and such trash items not so stored, must be taken to an appropriate disposal site, and may not be stored on any other premises in the township.

(c) All rubbish not stored in containers under subsection (a) of this section shall be taken to an appropriate disposal site.

(d) Extracted stumps may not be stored on any premises except at a disposal site, where they shall be reduced to chips or firewood, provided the following types of storage on premises in the township shall be allowed:

- (1) The chipped or firewood remains of extracted stumps, having a volume not exceeding two cords of firewood or ten cubic yards of chips.

- (2) A single line stump fence, but only where located at a distance of 100 feet from the rights-of-way of any street or road, at a place which is not within the view of any residential building and having a length of no more than 50 yards. Said fence must be functional and identifiable.
- (3) The use of a single line of extracted stumps for barricading a private road, at least 100 feet distance from any public road, out of the sight of any residential dwelling, and using stumps (two stumps high and two stumps deep) for the barricading of the road.
- (4) The use of a single line of extracted stumps to fence the rear property line of a parcel having a depth of at least 300 feet, the said property line fence to be placed where it cannot be viewed from any residential building, not to exceed 150 yards in length.
- (5) The decorative use of a single extracted stump on any single premises.

(e) No person shall store on any premises that is not an appropriate disposal site any refuse of any type, except in accordance with the specific storage provisions and requirements of this article.
(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.023; Ord. No. 07152002, 7-15-2002)

Sec. 30-24. Disposal.

Except for refuse allowed to be stored as provided in this article, all refuse shall be disposed of at a disposal site. Only reusable refuse may be disposed of at a licensed junkyard or dismantling or salvage yard. All other refuse must be disposed of at a solid waste or hazardous waste disposal site licensed by the state.
(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.024)

Sec. 30-25. Transportation.

(a) No person shall transport refuse upon any streets, alleys, roads, rights-of-way or highways in the township in any vehicle unless such vehicle is so constructed and maintained as to prevent offensive odors, leaking, spilling, dropping or blowing of the contents from the vehicle.

(b) Any person other than the actual producer or owner of the premises upon which the refuse originated, desiring to collect or dispose of the refuse shall first obtain a permit in writing to do so from the township board.
(Compiled Ords. 1990, § 35.025)