

Town of Sidney

Residential Solid Waste Storage Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose

The intent of this Ordinance is to establish standards that will promote and protect the public health and safety of Sidney residents. Improperly stored residential solid waste can create unhealthy living conditions, have negative environmental impacts, create public nuisance conditions, and contribute to rodent and pest infestations.

Section 2: Definitions

Dumpster: A large-enclosed container, typically constructed of metal or heavy-plastic, that is supplied by a waste disposal company for storage of larger quantities of trash and rubbish between scheduled collections.

Trash can: An approved container for trash storage between collections. Trash cans for the purpose of this Ordinance shall have a lid that prevents rodent and rain-water intrusion.

Solid Waste: Any residential waste to be disposed of that is commonly referred to as trash, garbage, rubbish, refuse, solid-waste or other similar terminology.

Section 3: Applicability

This Ordinance applies to all property located within the Town of Sidney. Any properties that have approved legally existing storage conditions that conflict with this ordinance (i.e. the Transfer Station) are not subject to compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 4: Storage at Residential Properties

4.1 - It shall be the responsibility of the owner of every residential building to provide suitable and sufficient storage for all solid waste and recyclables. Owners shall utilize watertight, covered containers, including trash cans and/or dumpsters (if necessary, such as at an apartment building, commercial use or large facility), sheds, or garage, to receive the accumulation of solid waste and rubbish/recyclables on the premises during the interval between collections.

4.2 - The occupants of all residential buildings shall place (or cause to be placed) all rubbish/recyclables and solid waste in the watertight containers, including dumpsters, shed, or garage, and shall not permit any accumulation or deposit of such substances on or about the premises except in the aforementioned methods. Storage of solid waste shall be temporary and not be allowed to collect.

4.3 - Recyclables shall be neatly stored in a manner that maintains their integrity as a recyclable material (i.e., newspapers must be kept dry).

Section 5: Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Local Health Officer with jurisdiction in the Town of Sidney to enforce all provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6: Penalties

Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §4452 establishes a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$2,500 per day per violation.

Section 7: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect when enacted, March 23, 2024