

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH
Chapter 124

124. Unlawful Removal of Recycling Material

- 124.010 Purpose. This chapter is designed to prevent the unauthorized collections of recyclable materials which are set out as part of a designated recycling program. Unauthorized collection or "scavenging" may reduce the volumes of materials collected as part of a designated program and thereby threaten the economic viability of the authorized program. Scavenging may also cause confusion among participating residents and thereby disrupt the publicity and educational processes of an authorized program. This chapter is also designed to ensure that a designated recycling program will be implemented in an orderly fashion to avoid adverse affects on the public health, welfare, safety and environment.
- 124.020 Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter.
- (1) Authorized recycling program shall mean a program for the collection and recycling of recyclable materials which is instituted, sponsored, authorized or controlled by the City of Vadnais Heights or the County of Ramsey.
 - (2) Recyclable materials shall mean all items of refuse designated by the Director of the Department of Public Works or Ramsey County Environmental Health Division to be part of an authorized recycling program and which are intended for transportation, processing and remanufacturing or reuse.
 - (3) Scavenging shall mean the unauthorized collection of recyclable materials that have been set out by residents of the City specifically for participating in curbside recycling programs.
- 124.030 Designation of Items. Items designated for recycling shall be listed by the City's Director of Public Works or Ramsey County Environmental Health Division to be part of an authorized recycling program.
- 124.040 Ownership of Recyclable Materials. Ownership of recyclable materials set out for the purpose of participating in curbside or alleyside recycling programs shall remain with the person who set out the materials until removed by the authorized collector. Until the recyclable materials are removed by the authorized collector, the person who set out the materials is totally responsible for their proper preparing, handling and storage. Ownership and responsibility for the proper handling of the recyclable materials shall vest in the authorized collector upon removal thereof by the collector.
- 124.050 Unauthorized Collection. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not authorized by the City or County to take or collect recyclable material set out for authorized collection programs within the City. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to the penalties provided for in Section 1.050 of this Code.

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