

BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK

ORDINANCE 2026-23

ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDINANCE FOR PROPER MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE IN THE BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance establishing proper management of residential yard waste in the **Borough of Palisades Park** to protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II Definitions:

For this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense includes the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "Containerized" means the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, bag, or other container to prevent yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and contaminating stormwater.
- B. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- C. "Street" means an improved or unimproved public road in a city or town which includes driving lanes, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, and parking areas.
- D. "Yard Waste" means loose leaves and grass clippings.

SECTION III. Regulated Activities:

- A. No person shall sweep, rake, blow, or otherwise place yard waste into the street unless it is for a scheduled collection.
- B. For non-containerized (loose) yard waste collection: Placement of loose yard waste must be at least 10 feet away from any storm drain inlet and no sooner than 7 days prior to a scheduled and announced collection.
- C. For containerized yard waste collection: Yard waste shall be placed in an appropriate container at the curb or along the street for collection.

Placement of such yard waste on the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the person responsible for placement of the yard waste shall be in violation of this ordinance and must remove the yard waste immediately

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

None

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the **Palisades Park Police Department and/or Superintendent of Department of Public Works.**

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed **\$200**

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Introduced: August 25, 2026