

**PEACOCK TOWNSHIP  
LAKE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06b**

**ADOPTED: June 24, 2026  
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 2026**

**ORDINANCE REGARDING REFUSE STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE AND  
RECEPTACLES**

**SECTION I – INTENT AND PURPOSE**

**Pest and Rodent Control:** Sturdy plastic containers with tight-fitting lids prevent squirrels, raccoons, rodents and other roaming animals from tearing open garbage bags and scattering waste across roads and yards.

**Litter Reduction:** Open or torn bags frequently spill on windy or rainy days. Rigid containers keep loose debris contained until the truck arrives

**SECTION II – REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES**

(a) **Requirement to Use Containers:** All residential household waste intended for regular collection must be placed and contained securely inside a weather-resistant receptacle constructed of durable metal or rigid plastic.

(b) **Prohibition of Loose Bags:** The use of plastic or paper garbage bags of all types is prohibited at the curb unless placed entirely inside a tightly covered receptacle.

(c) **Lids Required:** All receptacles containing refuse or solid waste must be kept tightly closed with a properly fitting lid at all times, including when placed streetside for collection and when stored on the property between collection days.

(d) **Violation and Penalties:** Any violation of this section constitutes a public nuisance. Failure to observe these prohibitions after a written warning may result in a civil infraction or fine (e.g., \$100 for the first offense).

**SECTION II  
SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days following publication after adoption.  
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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