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Marathon County Solid Waste Department

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Secured Loads – Marathon County

All vehicles, trailers, or dumpsters carrying Solid Waste or Recycling to and across Marathon County roadways shall be covered or contained so as to prevent items from falling onto the roadway, right of way, or any portion of County property. Loads must be secured from the starting point all the way to the disposal location. Unsecured loads not only contribute to pollution but can also lead to significant safety concerns for other users of the road.

(A) State Regulations

- a. **State Law Wis. Stat. 348.10(2)** *No person shall operate a vehicle on a highway unless such vehicle is constructed and loaded as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.*
- b. **NR 502.06 COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF SOLID WASTE** - *No person may operate or maintain a solid waste collection and transportation service except in accordance with the following minimum requirements: (d) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of solid waste shall be loaded and moved in such a manner that the contents do not fall, spill, or leak. Covers shall be provided to prevent littering and spillage.*

(B) Marathon County Ordinance

- a. **Sec. 9.52. – Littering** - *No person shall deposit or discharge any garbage, refuse, or litter on or along any highway, in any body of water in the county, on the ice of any body of water of the county, or on any other public or private property. (3) No person shall permit any garbage, refuse, or litter to be thrown from a vehicle operated by the person.*
- b. **Sec. 9.53. - Unauthorized Dumping** - *No person shall dump, deposit, or cause to be deposited, dropped, placed, discharged, left, spilled, or scattered any hazardous waste, industrial waste, infectious waste, garbage, refuse, or other waste material upon any premises owned or leased by Marathon County.*

(C) Unsecured Loads

- a. **Definition:** An unsecured load is defined by material that has not been fastened in or attached to the vehicle with tarps, ropes, straps, netting, or chains, so as to prevent any part of the load or the covering from becoming loose, detached, or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving.
- b. **Methods:** Acceptable methods to secure a load include winch straps, ropes, or chains to secure bulky items to an open truck bed or trailer, a pick-up bed cover or truck topper, a tarp or large piece of carpet that has been secured with winch straps, ropes, chains, netting, or an enclosed truck or trailer. If garbage is in the bed of a truck and on a trailer, both parts of the load must be secured.

(D) Enforcement and Penalties

- a. Marathon County Sheriff's Dept or other law enforcement agencies may enforce these policies and any fines or penalties within.
- b. Unsecured loads may be refused at Solid Waste Disposal Sites for continued non-compliance with these laws.