

TITLE: DUMPSTER AND COMPACTOR STANDARDS

SW1-3.A. GENERAL

All requirements for collection and accessibility to containers apply, regardless of whether collection is public or private.

SW1-3.B. GUIDELINES FOR DUMPSTERS

The number and capacity of dumpsters must be adequate to serve the disposal needs of the business, development or complex. Collection must occur at least one time per week. Each dumpster must be easily accessible, as determined by the Public Works Department, and of a size compatible with equipment of the department. If the dumpster is in an enclosed area, there must be at least two (2) feet and six (6) inches of clearance on each side of the dumpster.

SW1-3.C . DUMPSTER PAD REQUIREMENTS

Dumpster Pad Requirements

1. The concrete dumpster pad shall be at least 12 ft by 12 ft.
2. The pad(s) shall be 8 inch thick concrete, reinforced with rebar to support a 30-ton load-bearing capacity.
3. A 14 ft wide by 40 ft long straight and clear access approach to each dumpster for the truck is required.
4. Clearance at each side of each dumpster must be at least 2 ft – 6in.
5. If a gated enclosure is utilized the gates must be lockable in the open position to prevent the gates from swinging into the path of the truck during servicing.
6. Two 6 in diameter concrete filled steel bollards must be placed in the concrete pad to the rear of each dumpster, 2 ft from the back edge of the dumpster pad, spaced 4 feet apart and centered side to side. The bollards will rise 6 feet above the pad and extend 32 in below the pad into concrete footers.
7. If the box is enclosed it is recommend that there be pedestrian access in addition to service gates.
8. Access area, approach, and pad must be level.
9. Standard pads with no drain should be elevated approximately 1 ½ in. above the surrounding pavement.
10. Pads with drains must be approved by Metro Water Services. These pads can be sloped up to 2% toward the drain.

SW1-3.D. GUIDELINES FOR COMPACTORS

A compactor with roll-off container may be used instead of dumpsters, if approved by the Director of Public Works or designee during the permitting process. The ratio of compacted to un-compacted garbage is generally 4:1. Collection of compacted garbage must occur at least one time per week.

To obtain approval for a compactor, the owner must establish the following:

- a. Convenience of location for residents;
- b. Convenience of transport for residents; and
- c. How service will be provided in the event of compactor failure.

The Public Works department does not have the resources needed to empty and/or transport compactors. Any owner or owners of each multifamily residential development or complex which chose to utilize compactors must have the compactors transported and emptied at the expense of the owner or person in charge of the premises.

SW1-3.E. ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DUMPSTERS AND COMPACTORS

1. Access must accommodate a 40-foot-long truck, with a 45-foot turning radius. Circular through movement through the complex for the vehicles is highly recommended.
2. The collection truck shall not be required to back-up for no more than 200 feet.
3. No backing into or across a public right-of-way.
4. No overhead obstructions at waste handling or access area. Refuse collection trucks need a minimum of a 25 foot vertical clearance to service containers.
5. Heavy duty pavement is required for the collection truck’s path through the complex. Metro Public Works will not be responsible for the repair of asphalt or concrete which has been damaged due to normal usage.
6. Gates must be unlocked and open for collection.

SW1-3.F. QUICK REFERENCE CHART OF DUMPSTER NEEDS OF HOUSING COMPLEXES

According to the National Solid Wastes Management Association, multi-family units produce, on average, 0.08 cubic yards of un-compacted refuse per day. During one week, a single unit will produce 0.56 cubic yards of un-compacted trash. Dumpster boxes to collect trash are made in various capacities: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 cubic yards. The following table gives the minimum number and capacity of dumpsters needed to service a given number of housing units for one week. Customers may be allowed to use fewer containers if they utilize additional disposal services during the week.

No. of Housing Units	No. and capacity of Dumpsters
5	1 x 3 cu. yd.
6	1 x 4 cu. yd.
7	1 x 4 cu. yd.
8	1 x 5 cu. yd.
9	1 x 6 cu. yd.
10	1 x 6 cu. yd.
11 to 14	1 x 8 cu. yd.
15 to 28	2 x 8 cu. yd.
29 to 42	3 x 8 cu. yd.
43 to 57	4 x 8 cu. yd.
58 to 71	5 x 8 cu. yd.
72 to 85	6 x 8 cu. yd.
86 to 100	7 x 8 cu. yd.
101 to 114	8 x 8 cu. yd.

No. of Housing Units	No. and capacity of Dumpsters
115 to 128	9 x 8 cu. yd.
129 to 142	10 x 8 cu. yd.
143 to 157	11 x 8 cu. yd.
158 to 171	12 x 8 cu. yd.
172 to 185	13 x 8 cu. yd.
186 to 200	14 x 8 cu. yd.
201 to 214	15 x 8 cu. yd.
215 to 228	16 x 8 cu. yd.
229 to 242	17 x 8 cu. yd.
243 to 257	18 x 8 cu. yd.
258 to 271	19 x 8 cu. yd.
272 to 285	20 x 8 cu. yd.
286 to 300	21 x 8 cu. yd.

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