
TRASH ENCLOSURE GUIDLINES 2017

Purpose:

These guidelines provide the minimum standards and recommended guidelines for the construction of trash, recycling, and food waste container enclosures in the City of Ventura. These standards and guidelines apply to the following types of projects:

- Design Review
- Planned Development Permits
- Conditional Use Permit
- Change of operations
- Existing facilities or trash management found to be inadequate (enforcement action).

These standards and guidelines for enclosure designs will provide adequate space for trash, recycling, and food waste (if applicable), which helps decrease the amount of material going to the landfill. In addition, trash enclosures help with reducing stormwater pollution runoff.

Key areas to consider when submitting plans for review include the following:

1. If the project is a residential development, the enclosures must be ADA accessible, and no farther than 150 feet from any unit as measured from the enclosure along the accessible path of travel to the farthest building unit. To enable trash vehicle collection, a minimum of 25 feet vertical clearance shall be provided in front of the enclosure. Any less than 25 feet will be subject to additional fees for pull out charges by the hauler.
2. The walls of each enclosure will be constructed of solid material and be six feet in height with an exterior finish surface compatible with the main structure.
3. The enclosure must be equipped with self-closing hinges mounted on separate poles, not attached to the block wall. The gate opening must be at least 84 inches and must be equipped with locks.
4. Each enclosure must have a six-by-six-inch continuous concrete curb along the bottom interior and be fronted by an encroachment apron, the width of the opening. The encroachment must be an eight foot long, six-inch thick concrete apron having a two percent slope away from the enclosure opening.
5. Fire Prevention standards listed in California Fire Code, chapter 9, section 903.
6. Commercial applicants are encouraged to coordinate their recycling plan and pickup schedule with the Environmental Sustainability Division and/or EJ Harrison and Sons. The Public Works Department in coordination with the Community Development Department will review and approve the number and type of container(s) required.
7. To provide stormwater pollution prevention, trash enclosures must be covered by a roof, of which the height shall have a minimum clearance of at least 9 feet to allow the bin lid to completely open and close. The addition of a screened, ventilated material between the top of the wall and the bottom of the roof is strongly encouraged. The design of which is subject to review by the Community Development Department.
8. Stormwater shall be prevented from running into the enclosure. There shall be no storm drain, any water plumbed to the enclosure, or sanitary sewer drain within the enclosure. All enclosure cleanup efforts shall be accomplished using dry cleanup methods, or water capture, if pressure washing. Any wastewater discharged to the parking lot, street, or storm drain are an Illicit Discharge and a violation of the City's municipal code.

Space Allocation Guidelines for Refuse and Recyclables Collection and Loading Areas

LAND USE	SIZE/SCALE	MINIMUM REQUIRED SPACE FOR BINS
Multi-Unit Residential 5 or more units share one bin	First 20 Units	Space for one 3 cy refuse bin and one 3 cy recyclables bin
	Each Additional 20 Units ¹	Space for one 3 cy refuse bin and one 3 cy recyclables bin
Office and General Commercial	First 20,000 sf	Space for one 3 cy refuse bin and one 3 cy recyclables bin
	Each Additional 20,000 sf ¹	Space for one additional 3 cy bin for refuse or recyclables Or substitute: Space for one 40 cy bin, to replace the 3 cy bins for refuse and/or recyclables
Retail	First 8,000 sf	Space for one 3 cy refuse bin and one 3 cy recyclables bin
	Each Additional 8,000 sf ¹	Space for one additional 3 cy refuse bin and one additional 3 cy recyclables bin Or substitute: Space for one 3 cy bin for refuse or recyclables and one 40 cy bin for refuse or recyclables*
Industrial	First 20,000 sf	Space for one 3 cy refuse bin and one 3 cy recyclables bin
	Each Additional 20,000 sf ¹	Space for one additional 3 cy bin for refuse or recyclables Or substitute: Space for one 3 cy bin for refuse or recyclables and one 40 cy bin for refuse or recyclables*

* The footprint of a 40 cubic yard bin is 22 feet x 8 feet. The recommended space requirements for one bin is 24 feet x 10 feet.





