

GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR REFUSE BINS

Many of our customers prefer to place their bagged refuse in a bin for weekly collection.

Bins can be an effective deterrent to unleashed dogs and ravens, and if properly constructed and maintained prove to be an asset to both the customer and the collector.

We understand that everyone's needs are different in terms of capacity and aesthetics. Please use the following guidelines to construct a bin that will fit your needs and allow us to provide you with a clean and efficient refuse collection service.

Remember, if you choose to construct a bin, it is your responsibility to maintain the bin and the area around it in a sanitary manner including snow removal to allow access to the bin and to open doors.

DO:

- ✓ Elevate the bin to a height of 30" (inches) above ground level;
- ✓ Construct an adequate size bin. If you need more capacity, increase the length of your bin.
 - Height: maximum 4' (feet)
 - Depth: maximum 3' (feet)
 - Length: to your capacity expectations
- ✓ Mount the doors to open horizontally onto the street.
- ✓ Make the doors large enough to remove a large bag of refuse.
- ✓ Make the doors full height so there are no lips or ledges to snag bags on.
- ✓ Provide a screened window in the doors for ventilation.
- ✓ If you install a latch on the doors, make sure the latch mechanism is easily workable (collection crews wear heavy gloves during extreme weather).
- ✓ Install handles on the doors that a worker can easily grasp while wearing heavy gloves.
- ✓ Slope the roof away from the street so that rain and snowmelt will run off the back side of the bin.
- ✓ Drill holes in the floor to let liquids escape. (This is handy when cleaning out your bin).
- ✓ Contact Public Works at 459-6770 before you place your bin to determine the best position for you and for us.

DON'T:

- ✓ Allow any fasteners, nails, screws, screening, chicken wire etc. to be exposed where they will cut and tear your bags.
- ✓ Extend an overhang over the front of your bin.
- ✓ Exceed a depth of 3' (feet).
- ✓ Allow loose trash or improperly tied bags to accumulate in and around your bin.

Length May Vary To Suit Capacity Requirements

Roof Sloped Away From Street To Facilitate Runoff Of Water

Doors Should Be Full Height, And Open Horizontally Toward Street

