

SECTION 040

SOLID WASTE STORAGE – Animal Proof Containers

010.034 **APPROVED ANIMAL RESISTANT CONTAINER** means any container approved by the Health Authority that as a result of its construction and/or design makes the contents of the container inaccessible to animals such as but not limited to dogs, bears, coyotes and raccoons.

040.005 **GENERAL**

Solid waste storage must not:

- A. Cause a health hazard;
- B. Attract or propagate vectors, vermin or pests, including but not limited to dogs, bears, coyotes and raccoons;
- C. Create unpleasant odors; and
- D. Create a nuisance.

040.030 Garbage shall not be allowed to remain on any premises for more than seven (7) days to prevent propagation or attraction of wildlife, domestic animals, flies, rodents, or other vectors and the creation of nuisances. Where it is deemed necessary by the Health Authority, because of improper or inadequate storage, nuisance, odors, the propagation of vectors, and/or the protection of public health, more frequent removal of garbage may be required. Where garbage and rubbish is containerized together, the period of removal shall be the same period of time as that applied to garbage.

040.035 **CONTAINERS**

Containers for the storage of solid waste shall be:

- A. Of adequate size to contain the expected waste;
- B. Of proper design to contain expected waste;
- C. In sufficient numbers to contain all solid waste generated from a particular premise, property, or waste generating activity; and
- D. Equipped with a suitable lid or cover.

Containers for the storage of garbage shall, in addition to the above, be:

- A. Non-absorbent;
- B. Watertight;

- C. Durable;
- D. Equipped with a tight-fitting lid;
- E. Odor-resistant;
- F. Vector resistant;
- G. Easily cleanable;
- H. Designed for safe handling; and
- I. Designed to keep the contents free from pests and vermin, including but not limited to dogs, bears, coyotes and raccoons.

Plastic bags do not meet the intent of the requirements for garbage containers.

- 040.110 Individual residential solid waste storage containers must be removed from the edge of an alley or street curb not later than 24 hours after waste collection by the franchised waste hauler occurs.
- 040.111 Residential and commercial solid waste storage containers must be stored in a manner that precludes access by domestic or wild animals, by means of storage location, times of placement and removal from the street curb and/or use of approved animal resistant containers.
- 040.112 The owner of a residential or commercial solid waste storage container that is subject to chronic disturbance by domestic or wild animals shall provide an approved animal resistant container and/or relocate the container to an area that is not accessible by animals. A chronic disturbance is two (2) or more validated incidents in a 12 month time frame beginning with the first valid incident. The approved animal resistant container must be installed within 90 days of the second validated incident within the 12 month time frame.