



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH



Dumpster Maintenance Requirements



During the hot and humid summer weather, keeping up with dumpster requirements is more important than ever! Overfilled dumpsters with open covers and odors are common summertime public health nuisance complaints. **Please take a moment to review with your staff the following reminders to keep your dumpster clean and maintained:**

Outdoor Storage Surface & Enclosures

- Outdoor storage surface for refuse, recyclables, and returnables must be made of nonabsorbent material (concrete or asphalt), smooth, durable, and sloped to drain.
- Outdoor enclosures must be made of durable and cleanable materials.

Outside Receptacles

- Outside receptacles and waste handling units must be designed and constructed with tight-fitting lids, doors, or covers.
- Outside receptacles and waste handling units such as an on-site compactor must be installed so that accumulation of debris and pest attraction are minimized and effective cleaning is facilitated around and, if the unit is not installed flush with the base pad, under the unit. (**NOTE**: Areas under the receptacles **MUST** be routinely cleaned and sanitized.)

Cleaning, Maintenance & Removal

- Receptacles and waste handling units must be cleaned frequently to prevent a buildup of soil or becoming attractants for insects and rodents.
- Suitable cleaning implements and supplies such as high pressure sprayers, hot water, steam, and detergent must be utilized for effective cleaning. (Your trash hauler should also routinely rinse/deodorize containers.)
- Covers must be **closed at all times** when not being accessed. Trash and recyclables must be removed from the premises frequently to minimize the development of odors and other conditions that attract or harbor insects and rodents.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Needham Public Health Department at (781) 455-7500 x511.