

# Placement of Building Waste Container "Skips" or Materials Within a Public Place



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<b>Information</b>	Please allow at least two (2) days to process this application.  Application Fee           \$160.00 Weekly Charge (minimum)           \$160.00 Damage Deposit (exempt DA no. quoted) <i>Please contact 9911 3584 to organise refund of bond \$210.00</i> <b>Total \$530.00</b>  <b><i>(A 1% service fee (incl. GST) applies to all credit card payments)</i></b>
<b>Applicant</b>	Name: .....  Address: ..... .....  Suburb: ..... Postcode: .....  Telephone No: (BH) ..... (AH) ..... .....  Mobile: ..... Fax: .....  Owners Signature consenting to the work: .....  Owners Name if not Applicant: ..... Phn No: ..... .....  Owners Address: .....
<b>Location of Skip</b>	Address: ..... .....  Suburb: ..... .....



# Code for Placement of Building Waste Containers “Skips” or Building Materials



## 1. OBJECTIVE

The safe and efficient use of public streets by appropriate placement of building waste containers on footpaths and roadway.

## 2. POLICY

Council will only consider the approval of the placement of building waste containers or “skips” within public places subject to compliance with its adopted Code. The onus of safe delineation and conspicuity is the responsibility of applicants and the following are minimum requirements.

## 3. CODE

- Council approval shall be obtained prior to the placement of any building waste container in a public place. Applications shall be lodged in writing, together with the information required by this Code, at least 7 days in advance and longer where the approval of Lane Cove Traffic Committee is required.
- Applications shall be accompanied by the fee and deposit specified below (Clause 8) together with evidence of the required public risk insurance (Clause 9).
- The placement of any container without such approval is an offence subject to penalty and Council may institute legal proceedings and may direct its immediate removal or may impound same in which case there shall be recovery charges to obtain its release.
- Council reserves the right to direct the removal of any building waste container if any nuisance associated therewith is created.
- Approvals shall be issued by Council's Urban Services Division and shall NOT be automatically attached to building consents.

## 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

**“Building Waste Container (builders’ skip)”** – means a container designed to be carried on a road vehicle and to be placed within a property or road reserve or on other land for the storage of builders’ rubble waste, tree loppings, household and other rubbish or earth, and not for the storage of putrescible, dangerous or hazardous waste.

**“Public Place”** – A public place is defined as any street, road, land, thoroughfare, footpath or place open to or used by the public and includes any place at the time open to, or used by the public on the payment of money or others.

**“Bin Storage”** – is defined as the placement of a building waste container for the non-reception of waste.

**Applications are to include a sketch location together with sufficient evidence to show that there is no available off-street location**

## 5. Criteria for Building Waste Container Placement in Public Places.

The requirements placed on building waste container usage in public places are divided into the following general categories: -

### A. General Criteria

1. No building waste container or skip may be stored, placed or otherwise permitted to stand on any public street, inclusive of the footway, or in any public place, whilst there is sufficient space for the storage of the container within the user's premises, or without the consent of the Council.
2. Building waste container shall not be permitted, under any circumstances, in areas where parking, stopping and standing of motor vehicles are prohibited. However, Council may give consideration to the placement of building waste containers on a footpath, adjacent to prohibited parking, stopping and standing areas, if there is insufficient space for storage within the user's premises, provided that due consideration is given to pedestrian movement and that any footpath pavement and/or any underground services are adequately protected from potential damage.

## B. Location Criteria

### On-Road – Prohibited Locations

#### Waste containers are prohibited:

1. Where signposted, kerbside parking restrictions apply. The prohibited locations include “No Stopping”, “Clearway”, “No Standing”, “No Parking”, “Loading Zones”, “Period parking”, “Resident parking zones” etc.
2. Where parking is prohibited for motor vehicles under the motor traffic and General Traffic Regulations. These prohibited locations are often not signposted and include the following:
  - a. Within 10 metres of an intersection (20 metres if controlled by traffic signals);
  - b. Within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres on the departure side of a pedestrian crossing;
  - c. Within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres on the departure side of a children’s crossing;
  - d. Within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side of a bus stop;
  - e. Within 20 metres of the approach and departure sides of a railway level crossing;
  - f. On a hill or curve where the view is not clear for at least 50 metres;
  - g. Within 3 metres from any separation lines;
  - h. On a median strip or traffic island.

### On-Road – Undesirable Locations

The following on-road locations are undesirable as placement areas for building waste containers:

- On classified and arterial/sub-arterial roads;
- In narrow streets whereby the placement of building waste containers would restrict normal traffic operations;
- At locations that will interfere or block the operations of driveways;
- At locations that will interfere or block movements of vehicles in travelling lanes;
- At locations which interfere with the sight lines of drivers entering or leaving premises.

### On-Road – Permissible Locations

Building waste containers may be placed in areas permitted by Council provided the conditions in these guidelines are met.

Council may permit the placement of building waste containers in kerbside parking restricted areas, provided special arrangements are made (e.g. Removal of parking signs).

Council may give consideration to the identification (e.g. “Skip placement area” signs) of certain areas within town centres for the purpose of placing building waste containers, subject to concurrence being obtained from the Local traffic Committee.

**In the event of special circumstances, consideration may be given by Council to permit the placement of building waste containers in the above prohibited / undesirable / permissible locations, provided concurrence is obtained from the Local Traffic Committee**

### On-Footpath – Prohibited Locations

Building waste containers are prohibited:

1. on driveways or in areas that obstruct vehicular traffic entering or leaving premises;
2. in locations which obstruct pedestrian traffic entering or leaving premises;
3. in locations that obstruct access to utility service manholes or devices that require regular servicing (e.g. traffic signal boxes, Telstra poles etc.)

### On-Footpath – undesirable Locations

The following on-footpath locations are undesirable as placement areas for building waste containers:

1. within 10 metres of an intersection (20m if controlled by traffic signals);
2. on footpaths servicing large volumes of pedestrian traffic;
3. at locations which interfere with the sign lines of drivers entering or leaving premises;
4. in locations directly above underground services, unless special arrangements are made to protect these services from potential damage.

### On-Footpath – Permissible Locations

Building waste containers may be placed in public places provided the conditions in these guidelines are met.

Council may give consideration to the placement of building waste containers on a footpath adjacent to prohibited parking, stopping and standing areas, if there is insufficient space for storage within the user’s premises, provided that any footpath pavement and/or underground services are adequately protected from potential damage.

## C. DIMENSIONAL CRITERIA

Locations	Dimension Range (in Metres)		
	Length	Width	Height
On Roadways	3.0 – 5.4	1.5 – 2.5	1.0 – 2.0
On Footpath/Verges	2.0 – 5.4	1.5 – 2.5	1.0 – 2.0

Acceptable dimensions for containers placed on roadways or footpath/verges:

### 6. VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### A REAR MARKING PLATES AND REFLECTORS

Rear marking plates are **essential**.

The recommended installations requirements for rear marking plates are as follows:

- Each container placed in a public place shall be fitted with two rear marking plates;
- Both plates shall be securely affixed to one of the width panels such that that plates are on opposite sides of the width panel;
- Both plates shall face “rearwards” and should not be inclined more than 20 degrees from the “rearward” facing direction;
- Each plate shall not project past the outer edge of the container;
- The plates shall be arranged so that the yellow portions appear on the outer and lower edges;
- The lower edge of each plate shall be horizontal and not higher than 1.5m nor less than 400mm from the ground;
- The plates shall be the same height above the ground;
- The plates shall be mounted as high as possible to give approaching vehicles the earliest possible warning of a container’s presence on the road or footpath;
- The outermost edge of each plate shall be within 150mm from the outer edge of the container and
- The plates shall not be obscured by any loading or equipment of the container.

Where it is necessary to choose alternative mounting locations, the plate may be fitted closer to the centre of the width panel or above the maximum specified height. However, they shall on no account be more than 500mm from the outer edge of the container or more than 2.0 m above the ground

Mud or any other fixtures on the building waste container must not obscure the rear marking plates. Each rear marking plate shall comply with the requirements that apply to heavy vehicles/Trailers as described under Regulation 56A of the “Regulation 56A of the “Regulations for Motor Traffic – Part IVA” (p.242).

**The operator must ensure that the container is placed properly, with the rear marking plates visible to traffic behind the container.**

**Reflector tape shall also be used to complement the rear marking plates.**

Reflector tape shall be applied to the outermost edges and midway along the length panels, so that it is visible to oncoming traffic behind the container.

### C. FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS

**The attachment of two automatic battery operated flashing yellow lights is required**

Flashing yellow lights shall be mounted on building waste containers, irrespective of local lighting conditions and shall be in operable condition at all times.

Where considered desirable by Council, advance warning shall be given by appropriate reflectorised chevron barricades and flashing lights.

### D. COLOUR OF CONTAINERS

**Dark colours such as black, blue, dark green shall not be used.**

All waste containers placed on public places shall be coated with bright colours so that they are easily discernible especially during hours of darkness.

### 7. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In conjunction with the above listed criteria and requirements, the placement of building waste containers in a public place shall be: -

- Preferably located in areas sufficiently illuminated;
- Located such that storm water drainage is not impeded; and
- Limited to minimal period of placement on footpaths and carriageways.

All waste stored in the waste container shall not protrude beyond the plan dimensions of the container.

The practice of bin storage in public places will not be permitted. “Bin storage” being defined as the placement of a building waste container for the non-reception of waste.

### 8. FEES

- a. Prepayment shall be made of a non-refundable application fee of **\$160** with an additional fee of **\$160** per week. Approval shall lapse upon the expiry of the period for which payment has been made.
- b. A Refundable Damage Deposit in the amount of **\$210.00** shall be lodged. The Refund is subject to Council incurring no special costs arising from the approval such as road restoration or clean up or non-compliance with conditions and guidelines.

**9. PUBLIC LIABILITY**

Applicants are required to affect Public Liability Insurance to the satisfaction of Council, and submit evidence of such insurance noting Council as principal under the Policy prior to the placement of the building waste container, in the amount of **\$10 million** so as to indemnify Council against any claim. (Most Skip Bin Company's will have Public Liability Insurance. Please check to ensure their Insurance cover's Council's requirements).

**10. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS**

- a. The size, shape and colour of all building waste containers shall be to the satisfaction of Council.
- b. Each building waste container shall bear the name and address and telephone number of the supplier. In each case an after hours telephone number shall also be displayed.
- c. Each building waste container supplied shall be in good condition and properly cleaned prior to delivery.
- d. **Putrescible waste or dangerous or hazardous waste shall NOT be placed in any waste container located in public streets.**
- e. The applicant shall agree in writing to bear responsibility for the removal of any waste deposited in or around the waste container.
- f. The applicant shall accept responsibility for any costs involved in repairing damage done to the road or footpath due to the placement of the waste container.