

Garbage Container and Container Enclosure Guidelines

- This guide is intended to explain the requirements for the storage, placement, and screening of wastes, waste containers, and waste container enclosures in the City of Rosemount. Over the last decade the methods and equipment used for storage and disposal of wastes have changed dramatically. Ordinances regulating the storage, placement, and screening of wastes, waste containers, and waste enclosures have recently been amended in response to those changes.
- Wastes can be broken down into several categories, namely, solid, liquid, yard, recyclables, and hazardous wastes. City ordinance requires that all wastes be separated, contained, and stored as required by City, County, State, and Federal regulations. Wastes must be disposed of weekly.
- Waste must be stored in a proper container designed for storage of the type of waste it contains. The container must have a lid that is kept closed to contain the waste and prevent the attraction or harborage of rodents, insects and other vermin. The only exception is the container for recyclables provided by the City and County. This container may be used for your recyclables even though it is not covered.
- Containers may be placed at the curb for collection the evening before the day of collection, but must be removed the evening of the day of collection.
- All residential structures with more than two (2) units, and all commercial, industrial, and institutional uses shall provide a screened enclosure for required waste containers for all wastes.
- Single and double residential dwellings shall store waste containers inside of a garage, or in a side or rear yard behind the front line of the house until they are placed out for collection.
- Waste container enclosures must meet the requirements for their construction, maintenance, and appearance as detailed in 5-1-3of City Code. The structure must meet the requirements in Building Code for snow and wind load. Enclosures must also be ten feet (10') from any abutting residential property line.
 - Properties with pre-existing structures that do not have waste container enclosures may use wood fencing, chain link with privacy slat inserts (85% opaque slats) or combinations of these materials.
 - New construction will be required to integrate waste container enclosures into their architectural plans with materials matching those used for the building construction.
 - Waste container enclosures must completely screen the view of containers and waste from all sides, contain any spillage from the containers, and have flooring constructed of concrete or bituminous material.
- It is important for you to consult with your waste management contractor when planning for your needs, and future needs, related to waste containers and enclosures. There are many businesses with waste enclosures that no longer can be used due to the size of modern day containers.
- Before beginning construction, check with the Building Inspections and Planning departments of the City to ensure you are meeting all requirements. This will help you avoid costly errors.