

# Temporary Dumpster Rental Guidelines

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Just as there are rules pertaining to what can be placed in your garbage can, there are also rules must be followed when it comes to your rented dumpster. These rules are based off laws which are implemented for environmental safety. We recommend always discussing with us the type(s) of refuse or debris you'd like to dispose of prior to reserving a temporary dumpster. This will help ensure that you understand what is allowed and what is not. It will also prevent surprises from showing up on your bill!

One of those laws is that our dumpsters are required to be covered during transport to the landfill. If the items you are disposing of are sticking out of the top of the dumpster, this means we will be unable to tarp the load. Then our driver will have to take extra time and labor to try to secure the load properly before they can get back on the road. If this happens, you will be charged a fee for the driver's time and labor. So please make the effort to keep everything inside the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, but you are not finished with your project, just let us know and we can empty the dumpster and return it.

## **What *can* you put in a dumpster?**

Most non-hazardous waste, junk or debris in general is permitted. A general list of allowable items includes boxes, mattresses, dried paint cans, toys, rags, clothing, tables, documents, fire damaged items, water damaged materials, dirt, concrete, PVC, cabinets, sinks, screens, wood, trash, furniture, roofing shingles, vinyl siding, construction & demolition debris (also known as C&D debris), and most types of flooring.

Metal, yard waste, and C&D cannot be mixed with other materials in your dumpster. These items must remain separate in another dumpster as they will need to be taken to different disposal sites.

Also, please note that C&D is only permitted to be put in our roll off dumpsters. The additional weight of these items can cause extensive damages to our equipment and poses a safety risk to our workers. If any C&D is placed in our smaller containers, you will be charged extra for the added weight and risk.

## **FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD JUNK DISPOSAL**

Couches, tables, mattresses, box springs, chairs, dressers, bookcases, barstools, entertainment centers, hutches, china cabinets, and other furniture can be disposed and are accepted in our roll off dumpsters. The only exception is if the item has electronic components or is a waterbed mattress. All toys\*, window treatments, carpet, old documents, cardboard, and similar non-organic trash items may all be disposed of in a dumpster, as well.

\*Bicycles are considered a recyclable metal and must not be placed in a dumpster.

## CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Heavy debris, such as concrete, asphalt, brick, drywall, wood, siding, tile, insulation, asphalt roofing shingles, and other construction materials can be put in roll off dumpsters.

### **What *cannot* be disposed of in a dumpster?**

A general rule of thumb pertaining to materials which cannot be disposed of is that anything liquid based cannot be placed into our containers. This includes chemicals, household cleaners, HAZMAT materials, anything flammable, wet paint, oil, gasoline, propane, tires, mercury-based materials or appliances with liquids associated with them (AC units, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, etc.), oil filters, batteries, etc. These liquids can seep into the ground at the local landfill and contaminate our local water supply. You will find more information regarding this below.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Asbestos, gasoline, pesticides, motor oil and other automotive fluids, propane tanks, household cleaners, ink and resins, contaminated soil or absorbents, and medical waste should never be placed in a dumpster. At our local landfills, there is a separate area for solid waste drop off and disposal. If you have a large number of materials containing asbestos that needs to be disposed of, please contact us for further instruction.

## DISPOSAL OF PAINT, STAINS, AND LACQUERS

You cannot dispose of paint, paint thinners, lacquers, or wood stains in a dumpster, with the exception of latex-based paints. If you have leftover latex paint that can't be reused or recycled, allow the paint to completely dry, so that it is solidified. This can be expedited by pouring the paint into a shallow pan of kitty litter and/or shredded paper. Once the paint has hardened and dried, toss it into the dumpster.

## APPLIANCE DISPOSAL

In order to protect the land and water ways from potentially hazardous materials like Freon or mercury, Iowa state law prohibits the landfill disposal of discarded appliances. One of the services Jerry's Sanitation offers is the pickup and disposal of these appliances for a small fee, so you don't have to worry about how and where to take them. We will make sure these items are taken to the appropriate location so that they will be properly recycled and discarded safely. Some examples of appliances that require special disposal are: refrigerators & freezers, kitchen ranges, air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, gas water heaters, furnaces, clothes washers & dryers, dishwashers, garbage disposals, and microwave ovens.

## TIRE DISPOSAL

Because the majority of landfills in the United States do not accept tires, you cannot dispose of tires in a dumpster. However, there are various ways to properly dispose of scrap tires. One option is taking your old tires to a local auto parts store or tire dealership. Many of these locations have tire recycling programs which will accept old tires for a fee. If you would like Jerry's Sanitation to dispose of your scrap tires, a separate pickup time can be arranged with additional service fees.

## BATTERY DISPOSAL

Car batteries and dry-cell batteries may never be put in a dumpster because they can leak harmful chemicals into the environment. Instead, recycle car batteries by returning them to nearly any retail store that sells car batteries. Many retailers have drop-off bins designated for old dry-cell batteries, such as lithium, AA, and AAA batteries. If you would like Jerry's Sanitation to dispose of your discarded batteries, a separate pickup time can be arranged with additional service fees.

## ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Some electronics may contain materials that are harmful to the environment, so it is important that we try to recycle as many salvageable parts of our devices as we can. Televisions, computers, computer monitors, printers, laptops, etc., should not be put in your dumpster. You may contact your local landfill for further instruction, or you may arrange a time with Jerry's Sanitation for curbside pickup of your discarded items.

## **Eco-friendly tips for disposing of what is not allowed in roll offs:**

Donate working TVs and appliances to Habitat for Humanity or another local charity organization. Donate or recycle electronic waste, such as: cell phones, tablets, computers, printers, etc. Search for an e-waste recycling centers nearby.

Take old motor oil to a local oil change facility for proper recycling.

Most auto part stores, and repair shops will recycle old car batteries, and you may even get a credit for returning it to where you bought it.

Bring used tires to a tire changing garage for recycling or advertise them online for free pick up. Remember, "your trash may be someone else's treasure."