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CHAPTER 420-3-5
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION

420-3-5-.09 Solid Waste Storage.

(1) Each generator of solid waste is responsible for providing adequate storage for his or her solid waste in a manner consistent with these rules and acceptable to the LHD.

(2) All solid waste shall be stored in a manner that does not constitute a public health nuisance or health hazard or provide food or harborage for vermin or vectors and shall be contained or bundled so as not to result in litter or the contamination of ground or surface water.

(3) Storage systems for solid waste shall include containers of adequate size and strength, and in sufficient numbers, to contain all solid waste that each person generates in the period of time between collections or disposal.

(4) Solid waste containing putrescible materials shall be collected and transported to a handling or disposal facility at a frequency adequate to prevent propagation and attraction of vermin or vectors or the creation of a public health nuisance, but in no case shall any of such waste be stored for more than 1 week prior to being collected for transportation to a handling or disposal facility.

(5) Garbage or rubbish shall be stored in:

(a) Rigid containers that are of a size to accommodate the waste generated and that are durable, rust resistant, washable, nonabsorbent, watertight, and vermin proof. The container shall be easy to clean and fixed with close fitting fly-tight lids or covers. The containers shall be constructed in a manner to facilitate handling.

(b) Other types of containers that meet the requirements of this Rule or are acceptable to the LHD.

(6) Rubbish shall be stored in durable containers. Rubbish too large or otherwise not suitable for storage in containers shall be stored in a nuisance-free manner consistent with requirements of these rules.

(7) The site where solid waste storage containers are located shall be readily accessible to persons depositing or collecting such waste, including during periods of inclement weather.

(8) The site where solid waste storage containers are located shall be adequately maintained in a sanitary manner which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Regular cleaning of the site and containers.

(b) The prompt remediation of spills or leakages of solid, semi-solid, or liquid waste.

(c) The control of vegetation on and around the site.

(d) Vermin and vector control at the site and in the containers.

(9) Sites where roadside containers are used as an integral part of a local solid waste collection service shall be operated following best management practices.

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