

# Trash & Dumpster Management

## Best Management Practices

1. Keep dumpsters, trashcans and recycling bins covered, except when filling or emptying. Size dumpsters appropriately and/or schedule pickup frequency to prevent trash and debris from overflowing the container or keeping the lids/doors from closing. Open lids allow contact with storm water, which dissolves and transports contaminants into the storm water system. Open lids also invite pests to spread trash around. Do not place trash outside the receptacle. Roll off dumpsters such as those used for construction, remodeling, or clean-up operations must be covered except when filling or emptying.
2. Securely bag all waste material before putting it in the dumpster/compactor.
3. Liquids or greases are prohibited in the trash containers. Cooking greases must be disposed of in used grease receptacles. Liquids may be disposed of via the sanitary sewer, check with UK Environmental Management prior to discharging any liquid waste into the sewer line.
4. If using a compactor ensure that there is no liquid leaking out onto the pavement where it will come into contact with storm water.
5. Check that the compactor, dumpster, or trashcan are in good condition, with no holes or accumulation of grime. Trash containers should be leak-free. Ensure the drain plug for the container is in place. When necessary, call the sanitation company to replace or clean the containers and install any missing plugs.
6. Keep the surrounding areas free of trash, spilled substances, and debris. Perform daily inspections of the trash enclosure and general area, dispose of all waste properly, and ensure spills are cleaned up using dry methods.
7. Clean trash cans in a designated area with a connection to the sanitary sewer such as mop sink or floor drain. Do not use a drain without knowing whether it flows to the sanitary sewer or storm drain. Confirm before using drains to ensure proper disposal. Never discharge wash-water to storm drains or off-site.
8. Designate an area for trash collection away from storm drains. This allows problems at the trash container to be corrected before reaching the storm drain or flow off-site. Place dumpsters in covered areas that connect directly into the sanitary sewer system or in areas away from the storm water drainage system.
9. Consider using a locking dumpster to prevent illegal dumping.
10. All employees must be trained on storm water pollution prevention to include good housekeeping practices and waste disposal.



*Keep lids closed, except when dumping or removing trash. This practice keeps stormwater from leaching contaminants out of the trash and container and into stormwater runoff. Also keep the trash enclosure and adjacent area clean of debris.*