



**Littering -**

- A contractor or construction site owner may not allow any litter or refuse to accumulate on the construction site except in a refuse receptacle.
- A contractor or construction site owner may not throw or allow any litter or refuse to blow upon or be washed into the streets, drainage ditches, storm sewers, onto any adjacent property; or into any body of water.
- It is a defense to prosecution that the contractor or construction site owner picked up any litter or refuse that accidentally blew or was washed into the street, drainage ditch, storm sewer, adjacent property, or a body of water and properly placed the litter or refuse into a receptacle.

**Maintenance of Cleanliness -**

- The contractor or construction site owner shall clean the construction site and remove all litter and refuse from the construction site and from any street or other premises to which litter from the construction site may have traveled, and place the litter in receptacles within thirty (30) minutes after the end of any daily construction activity.
- It is the duty of the contractor or construction site owner to prevent any litter on the premises from being blown upon or being permitted to come to rest upon the streets or upon any private property.

**Overflowing Dumpsters Prohibited.**

- The contractor or construction site owner, which contracts with a private waste disposal company, shall ensure that any dumpster used on the site is adequate to hold all of the solid waste generated or deposited on the site between scheduled pick-ups.
- If any material is illegally dumped next to a waste disposal dumpster, the contractor or construction site owner shall remove the illegally dumped materials and ensure that it is properly disposed of.

**Health or Safety Hazards -**

- When notified by the Building Inspector, Health Department Representative or Erie County Engineer Representative of overflows from any refuse receptacle, the contractor or construction site owner shall immediately clean up the location, install additional refuse receptacles if deemed necessary, or contract for a larger dumpster or more frequent pickup.
- It is defense from prosecution for violation of this section, if the owner or operator enters into a new or amended contract with a private waste disposal company within ten (10) working days of the date of the notice.

**Agency Contact Information**

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***Local Building and Zoning***

**SOLID WASTE  
CONTROL  
FOR  
CONSTRUCTION  
SITES  
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**



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# Solid Waste Control - Erie County, Ohio

## Purpose -

The purpose of this document to require measures to prevent solid waste from being blown or washed off of a construction site and onto adjacent properties or into the streets, drainage ditches, storm sewers, and natural bodies of water within the Erie County Urbanized Area (ECUA), in the interest of public health, safety, general welfare, and the protection of the environment. It is in keeping with the requirements as set forth in the Erie County Urbanized Area Storm Water Management Plan (ECSWMP).

## Definitions -

As used in this document, the following words and terms have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**Construction/demolition material** - means waste resulting from construction or demolition projects, including brick, concrete, concrete rubble, gypsum board, lumber, sheetrock, and roofing material.

**Construction site - owner** means the person who owns or leases the premises on which a construction activity that is regulated by the ECSWMP is being conducted.

**Contractor** - means the person who has obtained a permit required by the Erie County Stormwater

Management Rules, Regulations and Erosion Control Manual.



**Debris** - means large waste materials, such as construction/demolition materials, dirt, waste concrete from delivery truck washout, or other bulky heavy materials.



**Dumpster** - means a container, which holds more than one (1) cubic yard, used to store solid waste until it is collected for disposal. The term also includes roll-on/roll-off containers that are used to transport solid waste on a vehicle chassis.

**Generator** - means the person that creates a solid waste. For the purposes of this document, a construction or repair contractor, a landscaper, or tree removal/trimming service is considered to be the generator of any solid waste that is produced by the contractor or results from the contractor's or service's work on the site of the construction site owner.

**Heavy brush** - means tree and shrub limbs and trimmings, which are greater than 3-inches in diameter, tree trunks, root balls, and other large plant matter.

**Refuse** - means a mixture of garbage, rubbish, and other waste that are normally placed in a receptacle for collection and disposal, but does not include yard waste, heavy brush, debris or construction/demolition materials. (The term does include the containers and packaging materials for the construction materials.)

**Roll-on/roll-off container** - means a bulk container that holds more than one (1) cubic yard used to collect and store solid waste that is transported on a vehicle chassis for disposal.

**Rubbish** - means non-decaying solid waste, that consists of combustible materials, such as paper, rags, cartons, wood, rubber, plastics, and similar materials, and noncombustible matter such as glass, metal cans and similar materials that do not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures.

**Solid waste** - means garbage, rubbish, yard waste, heavy brush, debris, and construction/demolition materials.

**Yard waste** - means grass clippings, cut weeds, leaves, mulch, small trees and shrubs, limbs that are less than three (3) inches in diameter and less than five (5) feet in length, and other similar plant matter.

## Receptacles -

Each contractor or construction site owner shall provide on the premises sufficient refuse receptacles to keep the construction site clean and to prevent litter or refuse from being blown off the site. The contractor or construction site owner shall furnish additional receptacles if needed to prevent as is necessary to contain the solid waste generated on the construction site.

