

**707 SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS**

- 707.1 After July 1, 1978, all containers sold, offered for sale or used in the District for the on-site storage and collection of solid wastes shall be of a design and manufacture approved by the Mayor in accordance with standards adopted by the National Sanitation Foundation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, or its equivalent.
- 707.2 All containers covered by this section shall have displayed on the container in a conspicuous location the appropriate symbol of compliance established by the Mayor.
- 707.3 A sufficient number of containers shall be provided to store such solid wastes which may accumulate on the premises during the usual interval between collections.
- 707.4 Containers shall be kept clean and in good repair.
- 707.5 Ashes shall be stored in metal containers. When stored in the open, the metal containers shall be covered.
- 707.6 In addition to the applicable requirements of this section, the provisions of § 708 shall apply to containers for solid wastes to be used at premises where solid waste collection service is provided by the District.
- 707.7 Carry containers used for collection service shall be of a design and material approved by the Mayor.
- 707.8 At no time shall lightweight plastic bags that are designed to be used exclusively as liners be used solely for the storage of solid waste.
- 707.9 Grease held for recycling or disposal shall be stored in a tightly-sealed metal drum. The grease container and the area where the grease is stored shall be free of spilled grease. The grease container shall be stored not less than four feet (4 ft.) from any other vertical object such as a wall, shelving, or wood fuel stacks.
- 707.10 Commercial trash compactors shall be free of spilled waste at all times and shall be kept closed when not compacting waste.
- 707.11 Commercial waste containers shall be constructed of heavy gauge metal, made of at least twelve (12) gauge steel with tightly-fitting lids constructed of at least sixteen (16) gauge steel. Waste container lids shall be kept closed at all times other than when the container is being filled or emptied. Waste container lids shall be free of gaps larger than one-quarter inch (1/4") between the lid (when closed) and the body of the waste container. Waste containers (including waste container lids) shall be free of any gaps, cracks, or holes larger than one-quarter inch (1/4"). The area where the waste container is stored shall be kept free of spilled waste at

all times. If the waste container is equipped with a drain plug, the plug shall be constructed of heavy duty metal and shall be kept in the drain hole until the filled container is trans-ported to its ultimate destination for emptying and disposal of its contents.

707.12 Pet food and bird seed kept outside shall be stored in a rodent-proof container. Pet food and bird seed shall not be left to accumulate or remain on the ground after birds and pets have been fed.

707.13 The following requirements regarding bin liners apply to private collection property owners:

- (a) Recycling bin liners shall be clear, white, or non-pigmented.
- (b) Composting bin liners shall meet requirements for compostable packaging as defined by the Mayor's List of Recyclables and Compostables.

SOURCE: Regulation No. 71-21 approved June 29, 1971, published at 18 DCR 16 (July 12, 1971); as published at 8 DCRR §§ 8-3:603(c), (e)-(g) and 8-3:604(c); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 18 DCR 869 (June 26, 1972), Supp. No. 1; as amended by § 2(c) of the Solid Waste Control Act of 1977, effective April 6, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-69; 24 DCR 6800 (February 17, 1978)); as amended by § 3(b) of the District of Columbia Solid Waste Regulations Amendment Act of 1989, effective September 20, 1989 (D.C. Law 8-31; 36 DCR 4750 (July 7, 1989)); as amended by the Rodent Control Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172; 47 DCR 6308 (August 11, 2000)); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 64 DCR 13076 (December 22, 2017).