

## **804 CONTAINERS FOR COMPACTED SOLID WASTE**

- 804.1 For the purposes of this section, the term "container" means any container used for the storage of compacted solid waste (refuse), including but not limited to any bag, box, bin, barrel, can, sack, tub, or tube used for that purpose.
- 804.2 Containers shall be evaluated and approved by the Department of Public Works pursuant to the performance standards and specifications of the Department for the approval of refuse compactor systems.
- 804.3 The manufacturer or distributor of a container shall submit a certification with the request for container approval listing detailed specifications of the container, attesting to the container's compliance with the performance standards and specifications of the Department and setting out any conditions to the use of the container, including a list of compactor systems with which the container is compatible.
- 804.4 Performance standards shall include without limitations the following:
- (a) Containers shall be capable of containing solid waste with an output density range of from four hundred fifty (450) to seven hundred (700) pounds per cubic yard (450-700 lbs./yd.<sup>3</sup>) [or 16.7 to 25.9 lbs./ft.<sup>3</sup>] unless specific approval of an alternate capability is granted by the Director;
  - (b) Containers shall during filling in the course of evaluation not allow tears or punctures in excess of one inch (1 in.) in more than ten percent (10%) of observed samples, and shall during handling in the course of evaluation not allow tears or punctures in excess of one inch (1 in.) in more than ten percent (10%) of the samples;
  - (c) Containers shall not allow their contents to spill from tears or punctures;
  - (d) Returnable containers shall be capable of easily discharging their contents by gravity; and
  - (e) Containers shall be of unit construction when supplied to users, and shall not require additional components to be considered ready for use, unless specific exception to this requirement is given by the Director pursuant to §804.2.
- 804.5 Containers shall not exceed four cubic feet (4 ft.<sup>3</sup>) in capacity unless specific approval of a larger capacity is made by the Director pursuant to §804.2.
- 804.6 Containers shall be free of jagged or sharp edges.
- 804.7 Containers shall be of high opacity and not transparent.
- 804.8 Approved containers or sealable separate sections shall be marked with the printed words and figures "D.C. Standard D.C. 1-3-CC" in a conspicuous place on the outer wrapping.
- 804.9 Display of the D.C. Standard designations on the wrapping shall be considered the manufacturer's or distributor's certification that the containers and wrapping conform to the specifications set forth in this section.
- 804.10 Each wrapping shall have marked on it the name and address of the principal place of business of the manufacturer or distributor of the container and a code identifying the date and location of the manufacture of the container.

804.11 Each wrapping shall have marked on it the manufacturer name and model number of all compacting machines for which the container's manufacturer or distributor certifies the container is compatible.

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