

Douglas County Code

20.690.030 General standards

Q. Refuse storage and disposal. The following standards apply to multi-family projects and single-family homes:

1. Every parcel with a multi-family project with four or more units, including manufactured home parks, or a commercial or industrial structure shall have a trash receptacle on the premises. The trash receptacle shall be of sufficient size to accommodate the trash generated. The receptacle shall be screened from public view on at least three sides by a solid wall six feet in height and on the fourth side by a solid gate not less than five feet in height, in compliance with the design criteria and improvement standards manual. The gate shall be maintained in good working order and shall remain closed except when in use. The wall and gate shall be architecturally compatible with the surrounding structures. Trash receptacles for single family homes should be stored within the enclosed garage or behind a fence. Trash receptacles for single family homes must be removed from the street within 24 hours of trash pickup.

2. For single family homes using bear-proof trash enclosures, which are structurally attached to the ground, permanent or designed not to be easily moved, the placement of the enclosures must be in an accessible location for garbage pickup using the following standards:

a. Bear-proof trash enclosures must be located on the parcel between the residence and within 20 feet of a county maintained road, or other road but not closer the 10 feet from the edge of pavement or curb;

b. Where possible, a minimum separation of 50 feet between the residence and the bear-proof trash enclosure be maintained. Where the minimum separation cannot be met due to parcel size or site constraints, the bear-proof trash enclosure must be located to maximize its separation.

c. The bear-proof trash enclosure must be located outside of the road right-of-way, snow storage area, and traffic safety sight areas;

d. The bear-proof trash enclosure must be painted a color compatible with the surrounding structures; and

e. The maximum size of the bear-proof trash enclosure must not exceed 60" in height, by 60" in width.

20.691.060 Disposal of Solid Waste Generally

Unless otherwise authorized by federal, state or local laws and regulations, solid waste shall be placed out for disposal, composting or recycling in receptacles designed and intended for the purpose of holding such solid waste and shall be disposed of at solid waste disposal sites approved by the State of Nevada or other governmental agency having jurisdiction under Nevada law to designate or operate solid waste disposal sites. (Ord. 1405, 2014)

20.691.070 Solid Waste Receptacles

Except for drop boxes and recycle baskets provided to the generator by a waste hauler, receptacles shall be equipped with lids sufficient to keep out precipitation and to prevent disturbance by animals and entrance of pests; shall be kept closed, except when being filled, emptied, or cleaned; and shall be kept in a clean, sealed and sanitary condition by the generator of the solid waste. An open utility trailer or truck bed is prohibited for use in the storage of solid waste. (Ord. 1405, 2014)

20.691.080 Accumulation of Solid Waste Prohibited

A. All solid waste shall be placed in approved receptacles and then removed from a premise weekly, or at other reasonable intervals, so as to prevent spillage from receptacles, escape of odors, or conditions that would attract pests.

B. Notwithstanding subsection (A.) of this section, compost piles are permitted on residential property, provided each compost pile is enclosed on all sides by a wood container, concrete block container, container made of another opaque material, or wire mesh container, designed for composting and having dimensions that are not greater than four feet in height, by four feet in length, by four feet in width and do not cause a public nuisance. Compost piles related to otherwise allowable agricultural operations are permitted, and the maintenance of such compost piles are subject to reasonable agricultural practices. (Ord. 1405, 2014)