

WAC 173-304-200 On-site containerized storage, collection and transportation standards for solid waste. (1) Applicability. These standards apply to all persons storing containerized solid waste generated on-site, and to all persons who are engaged in the collection and transportation of solid waste of more than one single family residence or single family farm including collection and transportation of septage and septic tank pumpings.

(2) On-site storage standards.

(a) The owner or occupant of any premises, business establishment, or industry shall be responsible for the safe and sanitary storage of all containerized solid wastes accumulated at that premises.

(b) The owner, operator, or occupant of any premises, business establishment, or industry shall store containerized solid wastes in containers that meet the following requirements:

(i) Disposable containers shall be sufficiently strong to allow lifting without breakage and shall be thirty-two gallons in capacity or less where manual handling is practiced;

(ii) Reusable containers, except for detachable containers, shall be:

(A) Rigid and durable;

(B) Corrosion resistant;

(C) Nonabsorbent and water tight;

(D) Rodent-proof and easily cleanable;

(E) Equipped with a close fitting cover;

(F) Suitable for handling with no sharp edges or other hazardous conditions; and

(G) Equal to or less than thirty-two gallons in volume where manual handling is practiced.

(iii) Detachable containers shall be durable, corrosion-resistant, nonabsorbent, nonleaking and having either a solid cover or screen cover to prevent littering.

(3) Collection and transportation standards.

(a) All persons collecting or transporting solid waste shall avoid littering, or the creation of other nuisances at the loading point, during transport and for the proper unloading of the solid waste at a permitted transfer station, or other permitted solid waste handling site.

(b) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of solid waste shall be tightly covered or screened where littering may occur, durable and of easily cleanable construction. Where garbage is being collected or transported, containers shall be cleaned as necessary to prevent nuisances, odors and insect breeding and shall be maintained in good repair.

(c) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of any solid waste shall be loaded and moved in such manner that the contents will not fall, leak in quantities to cause a nuisance, or spill therefrom. Where such spillage or leakage does occur, the waste shall be picked up immediately by the collector or transporter and returned to the vehicle or container and the area otherwise properly cleaned.

(d) All persons commercially collecting or transporting solid waste shall inspect collection and transportation vehicles monthly, for repairs to containers such as missing or loose-fitting covers or screens, leaking containers, etc., and maintain such inspection records at the facility normally used to park such vehicles or such other location that maintenance records are kept. Such records shall be

kept for a period of at least two years, and be made available upon the request of the jurisdictional health department.

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