



WASTE & RECYCLING RECEPTACLES

Waste and recycling receptacles help keep the city clean and beautiful, and minimize the opportunity for loose trash and refuse.

Waste and recycling receptacles should be provided regularly throughout the city so that pedestrians encounter them frequently when walking. Receptacles should be durable, visible, and placed conveniently. Receptacles should be of a standard type and easy for maintenance workers to access and empty.

USE

- Waste and recycling receptacles are welcome in all types of areas, but are generally concentrated in areas with a significant quantity of pedestrians such as transit stops, commercial areas, and near institutions such as schools or recreation centers.
- Waste and recycling receptacles must be placed so they do not block major pedestrian movements (sidewalk clear zones), building entries, loading zones, or other street functions.
- Place receptacles in locations accessible to curbside pickup and maintenance crews.

DESIGN

- Waste and recycling receptacles shall be constructed out of durable materials (such as metal or durable rubber) and finishes with a minimum standard warranty of 3-years.
- Receptacles shall be closed on the top or otherwise covered such that rain, snow, and other precipitation does not enter the receptacles and mix with refuse.
- Receptacles shall be secured to the ground and be designed with an inner container or other mechanism that can be removed to facilitate collection of refuse.
- Standardized waste and recycling receptacles should be used.
- Receptacles should be standard manufactured designs that are readily replaceable and common throughout a district or area. Custom designs and other special order receptacles are generally discouraged; however, standard designs may be modified to display branding or identification of the local area or business organization.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Do not place receptacles directly on top of utility covers, vaults, or infrastructure elements that require access.
- Coordinate location and design of waste receptacles with solid waste management agency to ensure it meets all their needs for easy emptying and maintenance.

- Do not locate waste receptacles in areas that may block transit passengers from boarding or alighting at transit stops.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

- Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. is responsible for waste or recycling receptacles and their waste removal downtown. The City of Grand Rapids, business improvement districts, and adjacent businesses are responsible for those located outside of downtown.
- Private development projects of substantial scale should provide public waste and recycling receptacles. These may be conveyed to the city provided they are the standard design.
- Snow should be cleared from around receptacles to facilitate waste removal. Snow should not be piled or stored on top of receptacles, both to prevent damage as well as to keep receptacles accessible and usable throughout the year.

