



CITY OF SANTEE

TRASH ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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Statewide regulations have been approved by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) to address trash in the environment and waterways. For more information, visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/ under Programs, Trash Control.

All tenant improvement and new and redevelopment projects are required to either retrofit the existing trash enclosure or build a new trash enclosure to meet the following standard requirements.

1. Enclosure must be fully enclosed with solid roofing and walls to prevent rainfall from entering the enclosure, to prevent wind dispersal, and offsite transport of trash and recycling.
2. Adequately sized to store all recycling, trash, organic waste, and grease rendering bins (if applicable).
3. Required signage: “No Dumping”, and “Keep Lids Closed.”
4. Any gaps between walls and roof must be screened and no greater than 5mm.



Why Is Trash Management A Priority?

- ⇒ Trash in our waterways can threaten public health and safety as well as interfering with recreational, commercial, and navigational water use.
- ⇒ Marine and aquatic wildlife are directly affected through:
 - A. Ingestion
 - B. Entanglement
 - C. Habitat Destruction
- ⇒ Trash can introduce pollutants and invasive species into the environment.



How Does Trash Get Into Our Water?

Trash left on land often ends up in our local waterways and ultimately the ocean via the storm drain system. After rainfall, trash and other debris washes into the storm drain system; these drains connect to the San Diego River and its tributaries (e.g. Forrester Creek). Water entering the storm drain system is NOT filtered and cleaned like the sewer system.

What Are The Trash Amendments?

In 2015, the California Water Boards created new standards for trash management. The goals of the Trash Amendments are to establish an awareness of the impacts of trash on water quality, and to prevent the discharge of trash from reaching our waterways. The Trash Amendments focuses on high trash generating areas, such as industrial and commercial areas, and large residential complexes.

How Does The Trash Amendments Affect Santee Business Owners?

The Trash Amendments are referenced within the Santee Municipal Code 9.06.250. It requires projects to install trash capture devices in compliance with the Trash Amendments and the BMP Standards Manual.

As the best way to prevent trash from polluting our waterways is to stop it at the source, the City requires all improvement projects, and new and redevelopment projects to install or modify their trash enclosures. Reference the Trash Enclosure Requirements Decision Tree.