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CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL
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Policy for the Placement of Waste Storage Containers in Public Places

CONDITIONS FOR LICENSEES

A waste storage container (skip) may be placed in a Public Place/Public Road (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993) subject to the following conditions:

- ◆ These conditions are to be read in conjunction with the "Interim Guidelines for the Placement of Building Waste Containers" issued by the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW. Where any conflict of interpretation exists between these conditions and the Interim Guidelines then these conditions shall take precedence.
- ◆ Persons, or Companies, holding a current licence from the Council may only place Skips in a Public Place/Public Road. The licence applies to the owner, or provider, of the skip.
- ◆ Maximum skip **length of 4m**. (If a larger skip is required an Activity application must be approved by Council). The skip shall be **not wider than 1.5m** and the skip being of a light colour with the name, address and telephone number of the owner/proprietor clearly displayed.
- ◆ A yellow flashing light or lights should be affixed to a skip bin when it is left on a road in areas where night time visibility is insufficient for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to clearly see the skip bin between sunset and sunrise. Such a light should be secured against vandalism or theft.
- ◆ A suitable alternative in areas where night visibility is sufficient (eg well lit residential streets, locations under or near street lights), is the use of *yellow* reflective tape, placed on the corners of skip bins. This reflective tape should comply with the Standard referred to in Appendix 1. This tape must be fixed to designated areas or points of the skip bin in such a manner as to provide enhanced visibility, early recognition and identification of bins during hours of darkness, particularly for vehicle drivers.
- ◆ Reflective tape must be kept clean and be subject to regular frequent inspection by the licensee. Damaged tape must be replaced to ensure adequate visibility is maintained.
- ◆ Council will only licence skips whereby the material is **SORTED AND RECYCLED**. Proof of this Company policy is required prior to the issue of licence.
- ◆ Only one skip at any time may occupy the road reserve at any property frontage.

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- ◆ The skip shall be placed only on the carriageway (and not on the footpath) parallel too and 450mm from the kerb so as not to impede the flow of water in the gutter or to cause any obstruction to traffic.
- ◆ All skip bins must be placed immediately in front of the property of the user of the bin. If the skip is to be placed outside a corner property it shall not be located closer than six (6) metres from the boundary of the cross street. If this were to place the skip beyond the applicant's property, then the prior written consent of the adjacent property owner is required to be obtained. The skip bin must be positioned to comply with all restrictions of the Australian Road Rules as if they were a motor vehicle and allow for adequate sight distance for vehicles exiting properties and using the road system.
- ◆ Maximum duration of the activity: **A total of five days** from the date of placement of the skip in the public place to removal date. If the area is marked with car spaces the skip bin is to be placed wholly within designated car space and must not restrict access to adjoining spaces. Skip bins must not be placed in any disabled parking space.
- ◆ The supplier of the skip must ensure that there is a minimum of \$10 million public liability/risk insurance cover for the placement of the skip in a public place. Copy to be provided to Council.
- ◆ A deposit of \$1,000.00 as security against damage to Council property shall be lodged with Council for the period of the licence.
- ◆ The payment of the approved annual fee of \$1,650 including GST. (This allows unlimited numbers of skips to be placed within Canterbury City Council Local Government area.

Please Note:

- ◆ The Council may order the removal or impounding of the skip if there is a failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the policy or if the placement of the skip results in a nuisance or danger to the public.
- ◆ Transporting of waste over or under a public place requires an approval under S68 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- ◆ Council approval is required for the placement of skips for a period exceeding five days. An Activity Application is required to be submitted to Council for consent.

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APPENDIX 1

REFLECTIVE MARKING OF SKIP BINS

Material requirements

The material to be used shall be microprismatic retroreflective yellow material, bearing the European "E" marking on "C" class material. "C" class material is used for contour/strip marking and has specific retroreflective properties. The material shall be pressure sensitive and applied in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Pattern of material to be placed on skip bins

The pattern to be used is an inverted "L" located as close as practical to each top corner of the skip to identify its length, width and height. Markings at opposite ends of each side shall be placed at the same relative height.

The material must be:

- at least 50 mm wide, and
- a minimum horizontal length of 200 mm and 350 mm high.

The horizontal stem of the "L" is to face inwards.

The tape may be placed at angles other than 90 degrees to enhance the general appearance of the skip bin.

Skips are not required to have rear red/yellow marking plates or "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" signs. These marking plates appear on the vehicles transporting the bins.

The inclusion of such plates on a skip does not remove the onus on the hirer to attach retroreflective tape as described above. If rear red/yellow marking plates are already incorporated on bins, then placement of the bin on the roadway shall be in the correct direction relative to passing traffic (ie red/yellow marking plates are to the left of passing vehicles).

Note also that in accordance with this Policy, the supplier/installer/licensee of a Skip is responsible for ensuring that the skip is visible at all hours. There may be a need to supplement reflective tape with appropriate flashing warning lights