



# GARBAGE & RECYCLING ENCLOSURE STANDARDS

While it might not be a subject we think about often, keeping garbage where we want it and making sure it is safely stored is important for the livability of our community. Several community standards, including Land Use, Stormwater, and Fire codes, help guide the design of enclosures for garbage and recycling dumpsters or containers within the City of Eugene.

## Land Use Code Requirements

Eugene Code, Chapter 9, Section 9.6740

- Land use standards require 100 percent site obscuring walls except for the gate which can be 50 percent site obscuring.

## Stormwater Code Requirements

Eugene Code, Chapter 9, Section 9.6795(2)(c)

- Stormwater requirements require a drain to the wastewater system, a roof, and a hydraulic barrier around the perimeter of the enclosure to prevent stormwater from entering the wastewater drain.

## Building & Fire Code Requirements

Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) Table 601  
Oregon Fire Code (OFC) Sec 304.3

- Fire code standards are designed to limit the spread of possible fire from these areas to other structures or property.

## Construction Options

In the past, the combination of these standards resulted in noncombustible walls and roof, which increased the cost of construction significantly.

Using non-combustible materials makes sense in some situations even if not required by code, but a recent review of the code standards provides the following new options:

- The components of the walls and roof of the structure may be combustible (i.e. wood) if all portions are at least 10 feet from another structure and 5 feet from a property line. (Enclosure areas of greater than 200 square feet or more must be noncombustible.)

- Wood fence enclosures that are 100 percent site obscuring are allowed (no gaps.)
- Chain link fence with “winged slats” qualify as 100 percent site obscuring.

Construction plans and details demonstrating compliance with all applicable standards will be required at the time of building permit.

We hope these new options help you design an enclosure that best meets the needs of the site. Please contact us if you have any questions.

### Contact Information

- For questions regarding the land use standards, please contact staff at 541-682-8336 or [landuseinfo@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:landuseinfo@ci.eugene.or.us). The Land Use Code can also be viewed online at [www.eugene-or.gov/chapter9](http://www.eugene-or.gov/chapter9).
- For questions regarding the stormwater standards, please contact Public Works Engineering staff at 541-682-8400 or [cewepic@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:cewepic@ci.eugene.or.us). They can also answer questions regarding: Systems Development Charges (SDC’s), Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA), and wastewater sewer requirements.
- For questions regarding building & fire code requirements, contact a commercial code analyst at 541-682-5613 or [commercialpermitinfo@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:commercialpermitinfo@ci.eugene.or.us).
- Questions can also be asked in person at the Permit and Information Center located at 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Monday thru Friday, between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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