



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
1 Franey Road
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

Construction Dumpster Requirements

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL DUMPSTERS

Dumpsters not placed on the street shall require a permit from the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Please see our schedule of permit fees tab at www.somervillema.gov/FirePrevention for dumpster permit fees.

Dumpsters placed on the street shall require a permit from the Inspectional Services Division. Permits are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the ISD office located at 1 Franey Road (DPW Complex).

REGULATIONS

- Dumpsters shall not be placed within 20 feet of an intersection.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner to obstruct vehicular traffic.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner to impede Fire Department Apparatus.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner that it will interfere with ingress or egress from a structure.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed under fire escapes.
- Dumpsters shall have the name and telephone number of the company or person from which emergency service to expedite movement of the container can be obtained.
- Dumpsters adjacent to buildings shall not be placed so that the top of the container is less than five (5) feet vertically and horizontally below any window or other opening.
- Dumpsters placed within five (5) feet of any windows must have the windows boarded up to help prevent the spread of fire. This includes windows located within five (5) feet of neighboring houses.
- Dumpsters shall be emptied when full.
- Containers which require mechanical assistance to move shall be provided with a means of access to the interior, without disconnecting from a compactor unit or they shall have a minimum port opening of two (2) inches in diameter through which water may be introduced for extinguishing fire.