



HELPFUL TIPS ON DUMPSTERS

An overflowing dumpster will attract rats! Keep dumpster lids tightly closed at all times and pick up trash around area.

Keep rodents out:

1. Use dumpsters with tight-fitting lids. Keep lids and doors closed at all times to prevent trash from getting out and rodents from getting in.
2. Place dumpsters on pavement or concrete, not soil, to prevent rodents from burrowing underneath.
3. Rodents can enter dumpsters through the 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" inch drain hole usually present in the dumpster rear wall (or side of a compactor). Ask your waste disposal company to put a leak proof drain plug in the dumpster.

Keep waste in:

1. Choose the right type and size of dumpster for your needs, so it won't overflow or leak.
2. Clean under and around dumpsters as often as needed, particularly after collection.
3. Minimize the amount of liquids placed in a dumpster to prevent spills. Ask your waste disposal company for a dumpster or compactor that will minimize spillage.
4. Call your hauler when a dumpster needs cleaning inside. **Do not** wash or hose out a dumpster near a catch basin.
5. Use a chain and lock on the dumpster lid if necessary to prevent scavenging and unauthorized use.