



## Combustible Waste and Refuse

### Requirements of the VERMONT FIRE & BUILDING SAFETY CODE

#### NFPA 1 General Storage

Outside storage of combustible materials shall not be located within 10 ft of a property line. 10.17.1

The separation distance shall be allowed to be reduced to 3 ft for storage not exceeding 6 ft in height. 10.17.2

10.17.3 The separation distance shall be allowed to be reduced where the AHJ determines that no hazard to the adjoining property exists.

10.17.4 Combustible material shall not be stored beneath a building or structure unless specifically constructed or protected for this purpose.

#### 16.2.2 Waste Disposal.

Accumulations of combustible waste material, dust, and debris shall be removed from the structure and its immediate vicinity at the end of each work shift or more frequently as necessary for safe operations. [241:5.4.1] [1:16.2.2.1]

Rubbish shall not be burned on the premises without first obtaining a permit from the AHJ. [241:5.4.2] [1:16.2.2.2]

Materials susceptible to spontaneous ignition, such as oily rags, shall be stored in a listed disposal container. [241:5.4.3] [1:16.2.2.3]

When a trash chute is used, an approved safety plan shall be submitted to the AHJ. [241:5.4.4] [1:16.2.2.4]

No person owning or having control of any property shall allow any combustible waste material to accumulate in any area or in any manner that creates a fire hazard to life or property. [1:19.1.2]

Combustible waste or refuse shall be properly stored or disposed of to prevent unsafe conditions. [1:19.1.3]

#### 19.2.1 Rubbish Containers.

General. Rubbish containers kept outside of rooms or vaults shall not exceed 40.5 cu ft capacity. [1:19.2.1.1]

Containers exceeding a capacity of 5 cu ft [40 gal] shall be provided with lids. [1:19.2.1.1.1]

Such containers and lids as described in 19.2.1.1.1 shall be constructed of noncombustible materials or nonmetallic materials complying with 19.2.1.2. [1:19.2.1.1.2]

#### 19.2.1.2 Nonmetallic Containers.

Nonmetallic rubbish containers exceeding a capacity of 5 cu ft [40 gal] shall be manufactured of materials having a peak rate of heat release not exceeding 300 kW/m<sup>2</sup> at a flux of 50 kW/m<sup>2</sup> when tested in accordance with nationally recognized standards. [1:19.2.1.2.1]

Such containers shall be permanently labeled indicating capacity and peak rate of heat release. [1:19.2.1.2.2]

Removal. Combustible rubbish stored in containers outside of noncombustible vaults or rooms shall be removed from buildings at least once each working day. [1:19.2.1.3]



Rubbish within Dumpsters. Dumpsters and containers with an individual capacity of 1.5 cu yd [40.5 cu ft] or more shall not be stored in buildings or placed within 10 ft of combustible walls, openings, or combustible roof eave lines. [1:19.2.1.4]

Areas containing dumpsters or containers shall be protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system and enclosed with a fire resistance rating of 1 hour. [1:19.2.1.4.1]

Structures of Types I and II fire-resistive construction used for dumpster or container storage shall be located not less than 10 ft from openings and other buildings. [1:19.2.1.4.2]