

Town of Allenstown, NH

All dumpsters, roll-offs, storage containers, and storage trailers shall be placed or screened from public view.

1. Purpose: To regulate the placement of dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers and storage trailers in all zones so as not to create nuisance or unsightly conditions to the general public or residents of the neighborhood in which the dumpster/roll-off/storage container/storage trailer is located.
2. Definitions:
  - a. Dumpster: A commercially designed large metal, or other material, container for refuse that has a closeable lid, with or without slide doors.
  - b. Roll-Off: An open or closed top dumpster characterized by a rectangular footprint, utilizing wheels to facilitate rolling the dumpster in place. Roll-offs are commonly used to contain loads of construction and demolition waste or other waste types.
  - c. Storage Container/Storage Trailer: An enclosed container (generally steel or metal) having a floor, walls, ceiling and access doors which is transportable by trailer truck or similar vehicle and used for storage of goods, materials and inventory (but not for occupancy) which is placed on the ground for use/access.
3. Permanent Placement:
  - a. All dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers shall be placed in accordance with the setback requirements of the zone in which they are placed.
  - b. Any dumpster/roll-off/storage container/storage trailer visible to the public shall be screened by evergreens, fencing, concrete, brick, or other material in keeping with the aesthetic of the community.
  - c. The Town of Allenstown Code Enforcement Officer shall approve all placements that comply with the setback and screening requirements described above. If determined by the officer that the setback requirements cannot be met, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to determine suitable placement.
  - d. All permanently placed dumpsters shall be equipped with lids or covers, which shall remain closed when the dumpster is not in use.
  - e. All permanently placed roll-offs shall be covered when not in use if the absence of a lid or cover poses a risk of harm to health and safety, encourages unauthorized human access, or encourages wildlife or domesticated animals to forage in the roll-off.
4. Temporary Placement:
  - a. Dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers are allowed on a property for temporary use for disposal of construction and demolition debris and storage of goods/materials for a period of up to 60 days.
    - For good and sufficient reason, the Temporary Placement period may be extended for up to 30 days, subject to the approval of the Code Enforcement Officer.
    - Following the expiration of the original (or extended) placement period, further placement of dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers is not permitted on a property for a period of 90 days.
  - b. Placement standards are waived for temporary placement of dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers, subject to the following conditions:
    - Not to be placed on public or deeded right of ways, easements, or sidewalks,
    - Not to be placed to impede public utilities, or Town of Allenstown Dept. of Public Works,
    - Not to be placed to impede line of sight for vehicles or pedestrians,
    - Not to violate set-back requirements that could negatively affect abutting owners,

- The Town of Allenstown Code Enforcement Officer may, at his or her discretion when necessary, require that lids or covers be employed on temporary dumpsters or roll-offs in order to promote health and safety, to restrict unauthorized human access, and/or to prevent or deter wildlife or domesticated animals from foraging in dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers.
  - c. The Town of Allenstown Code Enforcement Officer shall be the final arbitrator in the case of disputes regarding the temporary placement of dumpsters and roll-offs.
5. Proper Storage
- a. Except on the day scheduled for collection and during the time period provided in this ordinance, no person shall place or store any refuse in any street, alley or other public place or upon any private property within the Town of Allenstown, unless such refuse is placed in proper containers/dumpsters and such containers/dumpsters are stored in such a manner as to be adequately screened from view from any public way.
6. Hazardous Waste:
- a. Dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers may not be used to temporarily or permanently house hazardous material or waste.
7. Transfer of Material:
- a. The creation of a loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any dumpster, roll-off or storage container/trailer or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this ordinance.
8. Prohibited Uses:
- The Town of Allenstown Code Enforcement Officer shall be the final arbitrator in the resolution of the following prohibited uses.
- a. Any use of dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers that are or may become obnoxious or injurious by reason of production or emissions of odor, dust, fumes, noise, vibration, excessive smoke, or refuse matter or similar conditions that are dangerous or offensive to the health, safety, comfort, peace, or enjoyment of the community or leading to its disturbance is prohibited.
  - b. Placement of waste materials in dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers other than that generated from the property on which they are placed is prohibited.
9. Compliance:
- a. Property owners with existing permanent dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers shall have six (6) months from the date this Ordinance is adopted to comply with the above terms.
  - b. Property owners with temporary dumpsters/roll-offs/storage containers/storage trailers shall have thirty (30) days from the date this Ordinance is adopted to comply with the above terms.
  - c. The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep a record of all requests for approvals, pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance, and all action taken in response to such requests.