

## BASIC SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTITIES IN MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Nonhazardous Solid Waste Management Regulations (#SW-2) require that the collection and temporary storage of solid wastes at businesses, office buildings, multi-family residential complexes, restaurants, hotels and other similar commercial facilities be properly maintained to prevent environmental, public health and public nuisance problems. The following requirements apply to the storage, collection and transport of solid wastes in the state:



- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) does not currently require solid waste permits for solid waste dumpster locations. Nor does the MDEQ currently require licensing of haulers or transporters of solid wastes. However, a business owner or operator should contact local city or county officials to determine if there are local requirements that apply to solid waste storage locations or to solid waste transport. In addition, dumpster locations along state highways are subject to the requirements of the Mississippi Department of Transportation and interested persons should contact that agency to determine the applicable restrictions.
- All solid waste should be stored in such a manner that will not cause or create fire, safety, or health hazards or provide food or harborage for animals and vectors (mosquitoes, rats, etc).



- The solid wastes should be contained or bundled so as not to result in litter or washout of wastes.
- It is the responsibility of the occupant of a residence or the owner or manager of an establishment to utilize a waste storage system that will include containers of adequate size and strength, and in sufficient numbers, to contain all solid waste that the residence or other establishment generates in the period of time between collections. The owner or, if leased, the leasee of the storage containers shall be responsible for compliance with this requirement.
- Solid wastes shall be collected and transported to a disposal facility at a frequency adequate to prevent propagation and attraction of vectors and the creation of a public health nuisance, especially putrescible wastes. Putrescible wastes are those materials that break down quickly in such a manner that causes odors and attracts disease carrying vectors.
- All vehicles and equipment used for the collection and transportation of a solid waste shall be constructed, operated and maintained to prevent loss of liquids or solid waste material, and to minimize health and safety hazards to solid waste management personnel and the public. Collection vehicles and equipment shall be maintained in a sanitary condition to preclude odors and fly-breeding.
- Areas where solid wastes are spilled during collection and/or transportation shall be promptly cleaned up and the resulting wastes stored or disposed of properly upon clean up.



**For more information, contact the Solid Waste Programs at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at 601-961-5171 or by mail at P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or visit our website at: [www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste)**