

Refuse collection and removal – State Regulations from Title 14.

**Section 17312. Storage.**

(H) In all cases in which garbage and rubbish are combined, the standards for garbage shall prevail. The property owner or occupant shall store solid waste on his premises or property or shall require it to be stored or handled in such a manner so as not to promote the propagation, harborage, or attraction of vectors, or the creation of nuisances.

**Section 17315. Garbage Containers.**

Property owners and tenants shall deposit all garbage and putrescible matter or **mixed garbage** and rubbish in containers which are either non-absorbent, **water-tight, vector-resistant**, durable, easily cleanable, and designed for safe handling, or in paper or plastic bags having sufficient strength and water tightness and which are designed for the containment of refuse. Containers for garbage and rubbish should be of an adequate size and in sufficient numbers to contain without overflowing, all the refuse that a household or other establishment generates within the designated removal period. Containers when filled shall not exceed reasonable lifting weights for an average physically fit individual except where mechanical loading systems are used. Containers shall be maintained in a clean, sound condition free from putrescible residue.

**Section 17331. Frequency of Refuse Removal.**

(H) The owner or tenant of any premises, business establishment or industry shall be responsible for the satisfactory removal of **all refuse** accumulated by him on his property or his premises. To prevent propagation, harborage, or attraction of flies, rodents or other vectors and the creation of nuisances, refuse, except for inert materials, **shall not be allowed to remain on the premises for more than seven days**, except when:

- (a) disruptions due to strikes occur, or
- (b) severe weather conditions or "Acts of God" make collection impossible using normal collection equipment, or
- (c) official holidays interrupt the normal seven day collection cycle in which case collection may be postponed until the next working day. Where it is deemed necessary by the local health officer because of the propagation of vectors and for the protection of public health, more frequent removal of refuse shall be required.

**Section 17341. Equipment Construction.**

(H) All equipment used for the collection and/or transportation of solid waste shall be durable, easily cleanable and designed for safe handling, and constructed to prevent loss of wastes from the equipment during collection or transportation. If such equipment is used to collect or transport garbage, **other wet or liquid producing wastes**, or wastes composed of fine particles, such equipment shall in all cases be non-absorbent and leak resistant. All equipment shall be maintained in good condition and cleaned in a frequency and in a manner so as to prevent the propagation or attraction of flies, rodents or other vectors and the creation of nuisances.