DUMPSTER SAFETY

- A clean dumpster and exterior area enhances your business's image and your commitment to the community.
- Place dumpsters on level areas with even walking surfaces free of trip, slip and fall hazards.
- Allow adequate open areas around the dumpster to allow easy disposing of bags and waste containers.
- During winter months maintain the area around the dumpster free of snow and ice. Clean off snow accumulation from dumpster lidsthis adds to the weight of the lids.
- Never use hands or feet to compress or reposition waste in the dumpster.
- When emptying bags or containers lift them using your legs, <u>NOT YOUR BACK</u>. Always lift gradually and smoothly, without jerking or twisting.
- Limit bag or container contact with your body. Keep bags or containers away from your body.
- Use caution when opening and closing lids during windy weather. Keep your head and body clear of the lids path should it close unexpectedly due to the wind.
- Be alert for animals, bees and other insects in the dumpsters.
- Weep all waste, especially food waste and sweet drinks such as soda, contained in sealed trash bags.
- Don't be a dumpster diver. Never enter the dumpster for any purpose.
- Never overfill- load the dumpster evenly to reduce the possibility of tipping.



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