



MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

**FROM: Jay Jaber, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner**

DATE: November 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Commercial Refuse Containers Permits Requirements Due to Hurricane Sandy

Requirements to obtain a permit for placing a commercial refuse container are waived until Thursday, November 15, 2012.

Please note, all other requirements for placement of commercial refuse containers as per Section 2-14 (f) of the DOT Highway Rules remain in effect including:

- Commercial refuse containers are containers placed on the public roadways temporarily, the use of which is not related or connected to any use or activity for which a Department of Buildings permit and/or a construction activity permit from the Department of Transportation.
- Commercial refuse containers shall not be used for the storage of putrescible waste.
- Commercial refuse containers shall not be stored or placed within:
 - (i) any "No Stopping," "No Standing," "No Parking Anytime", or "Authorized Parking" areas;
 - (ii) fifteen feet of hydrants;
 - (iii) the area created by extending the building line to the curb (the "corner") or the area from ten feet from either side of the corner (the "corner quadrant");
 - (iv) a crosswalk or pedestrian ramp, nor shall it be stored or placed in any manner so as to obstruct any crosswalk or pedestrian ramp;
 - (v) five feet of railroad tracks.
- The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the container shall be permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high both on the side of the container that faces the sidewalk area and also on the opposite side that faces the street, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the container and placed approximately midway vertically.
- Each container shall be stored parallel to the curb and extend no more than nine feet from the curb into the roadway.
- The street shall be protected with proper covering (e.g., planking, skids, plating, or pneumatic tires) to prevent damage before containers are placed on the street. Protection shall be placed directly under each steel wheel or roller of the container to adequately distribute the weight. Placement of all protection shall be done upon delivery by the owner of the container. All planking and skids for containers shall be a minimum of 1 1/2" to a maximum of 3" thick. Overall size of the protective covering shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and the placement of the protective covering shall not exceed the outer dimensions of the container.



- All containers shall be clearly marked on all four sides with high intensity reflective paint, reflectors, or other markings capable of producing a warning glow when struck by the head lamps of a vehicle or other source of illumination at a distance of three hundred feet.
- Sidewalks, gutters, crosswalks and driveways shall at all times be kept clear and unobstructed and all dirt, debris and rubbish shall be promptly removed therefrom.
- The owner of any container shall comply with all applicable provisions of Titles 16 and 16-A of the New York City Administrative Code and Title 17 of the Rules of the City of New York.