

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING**

## Types of Containers

Recycling containers can be set out next to trash dumpsters or can be conveniently located in areas of easy access to residents, such as by elevators, trash chutes, laundry rooms or inside parking garages. If the recycling bins are located inside the building, remember to let residents know to rinse the containers before disposing of them. Removing food and beverage residues will eliminate odors and pest problems.

The type of recycling containers will depend on location of the containers, space for the containers and materials to be collected.

### Containers for each unit

There are several types of containers suitable for small places and ideal for use in apartments and condos. Some are designed to fit small spaces such as:

#### *inside a cupboard door*



#### *or closet*



### Smaller Containers for individual garages or common areas

#### **32, 64 or 96 gallon**

Containers can be placed inside enclosures, in garages, by chutes or at other visible and convenient locations throughout the property. These containers will require a person to dump the materials into the main recycling dumpster(s).

#### **44 gallon corrugated plastic container**

If the complex has smaller enclosures on each floor, a 44 gal corrugated plastic container has proven to be very efficient as an alternative for a recycling container. Placed it side by side with the trash container and post clear signs identifying it as the recycling container.

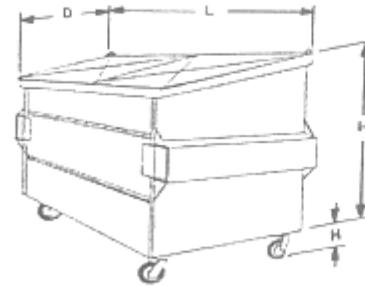


**Commercial Dumpsters are typically available from 1 to 8 cubic yards (CY)**



**\* Measurements vary among manufacturers.** Dumpster specifications were provided by different companies and should be used as a general reference. Actual sizes may vary depending on manufacturer. Contact hauler for specific measurements.

<b>Dumpster Measurements</b>	
<b>D X L X H</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
37.5" X 71" X 31"	1 CY
30.5" X 72" X 32.5"	1.5 CY
33.5" X 72" X 34.5"	2 CY
36" X 71" X 30"	2 CY
40" X 81" X 48"	2 CY
41.12" X 71" X 45"	3 CY
41.5" X 72" X 41.5"	3 CY
42" X 71" X 51"	3 CY
48" X 81" X 60"	3 CY
51.5" X 72" X 46.5"	4 CY
55" X 71" X 51"	4 CY
55.5" X 71" X 63.75"	4 CY
56" X 81" X 66"	4 CY
66" X 81" X 69"	5 CY
60" X 72" X 64"	6 CY
62" X 81" X 74"	6 CY
68" X 71" X 63"	6 CY
75" X 71" X 75"	8 CY



**L** – length of container  
**D** – depth of container  
**H** – height from ground to top of closed lid

*\* Please note that an addition space of at least 12" on each side of the dumpster is necessary to allow room for handles and for maneuvering.*

**3 cubic yard or 4 cubic yard dumpster with special lid and sign**



**3 cubic yard or 4 cubic yard with regular lid and special sign**



Recycling service costs may vary. In general the same haulers will offer recycling services for half the price of trash services. Talk to your current hauler and shop around for rate comparisons. For assistance with, please check the City of San Diego's list of franchised trash haulers and commercial recyclers' directory at the web site below.

**For more information please call  
 The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department at  
 (858) 694-7000  
 or visit our website at  
[www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services)**