



West Metro Fire Protection District

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Door Side Trash Collection:

A service that collects a limited amount of occupant-generated combustible trash or recyclable materials from dwelling units, where trash is left outside of dwelling units for scheduled pickup.

Combustible trash or recyclable materials shall not be placed in exits, in enclosures for stairways or ramps, in corridors or on egress balconies except as permitted by one of the following:

- Combustible trash or recyclable materials associated with construction, demolition, remodeling, or alterations in accordance with Section 3311.3 of the International Fire Code.
- Combustible trash or recyclable materials in corridors or on egress balconies of Group R-2 Occupancies (multi-family apartment buildings not containing assisted living) that is awaiting scheduled door side trash collection in accordance with the requirements below.

Permit

An operational permit from the fire code official shall be required as set forth in Section 105.6 of the International Fire Code for a facility conducting door side trash collection services. Failure to meet the operational requirements shall result in the issuance of a fire code violation and revocation of the permit.

Building Requirements

- The building must be equipped with an NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R compliant fire sprinkler system.
- The service collection corridor or egress balcony must have non-combustible walls and ceiling with self-closing, fire rated resident doors.
- The placement of containers must allow 44 inches of unobstructed exit width unless the fire code requires additional exit width.
- An approved emergency guide as required by the International Fire Code shall be distributed to each resident. The guide shall contain a safety message detailing the trash collection procedures along with the life safety and public health hazards of non-compliance. The possibility of fines, fire code violations and revocation of the service for failure to follow these requirements must be included.

Container Requirements

- Containers used for door side trash collection shall not exceed a 13 gallon capacity.
- The container must not protrude more than 13" from the corridor or egress balcony wall.
- Containers must have a tight fitting lid that is either, self-closing or latching.
- Containers and lids shall be constructed entirely of noncombustible materials or materials that meet a peak rate of heat release not exceeding 300 kW/m² when tested in accordance with ASTM E 1354 at an incident heat flux of 50 kW/m² in the horizontal orientation. Containers and lids shall be listed or bear the label of an approved agency that validates compliance with this requirement.

Collection Process

- Trash or recyclable materials in an approved container awaiting trash collection shall only be placed in a corridor or on an egress balcony for a maximum of 4 hours. Emptied containers shall not remain in corridors or egress balconies for more than an additional 11 hours.
- Trash or recyclable materials awaiting door side trash collection shall be placed completely inside a maximum of one approved container per resident doorway. All contents must fit within the container with the lid completely closed.
- Trash or recyclable materials not fitting into an approved container must be removed immediately out to a dumpster or other trash collection receptacle outside of the corridor or egress balcony.