

Trash and Recycling Bin Enclosures

General Considerations

Enclosures should be designed and located to minimize their impact on adjacent neighbors.

Enclosures are permitted on **single-family detached lots**. Enclosures for **attached housing** will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Specific Guidelines

- The enclosure must be located along either the rear or side of the house; enclosures are prohibited in front yards.
- The enclosure must be immediately adjacent to the house.
- Generally, no more than one enclosure will be permitted on any property.
- The size of an enclosure is generally limited to 4' in height and 8' in length and must screen the trash and recycling receptacles from the front and side.
- The enclosure should be sturdily constructed of wood, vinyl, or composite material. It should be either a board-on-board design of 4" wide boards or open lattice, properly framed.
- Depending on the style and type of material used, the enclosure should be finished to match the siding or trim, stained or painted a wood tone color or white, or left to weather naturally.
- If visible from the street, the enclosure should be screened by vegetation.
- The enclosure must be maintained so that it does not create a visual or environmental nuisance.
- Vegetation such as a tree or bush does not serve as screening for a trash container or a recycling container without an enclosure.
- Trash recycling containers stored inside of a fenced in yard are acceptable.

Submission Requirements

- Signed and dated application form.
- Description of the project.
- A copy of the existing property plat showing the house, any accessory structures, significant vegetation, and property lines. In addition, the proposed enclosure must be drawn (to scale) on the property plat showing the location and measurements.
- Photographs showing the house and site marked to show the location of the proposed enclosure.
- Include a plan and elevation drawing(s) identifying dimensions, material, and color.
- Where applicable, provide a planting plan indicating the proposed type and location of vegetation or other screening, existing or proposed.