Construction Dumpster Requirements
PERMIT REQUITED FOR ALL DUMPSTERS

Dumpsters not placed on the street shall require a permit from the Fire Prevention Bureau (527 CMR 34.03). Permits are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM and from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Fire Prevention Office located at 1 Franey Road (DPW Complex).

Fire Department dumpster permits are $100 for three months. Check or money order made out to the City of Somerville.

Dumpsters placed on the street shall require a permit from the Inspectional Services Division. Permits are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the ISD office located at 1 Franey Road (DPW Complex).

REGULATIONS

- Dumpsters shall not be placed within 20 feet of an intersection.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner to obstruct vehicular traffic.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner to impede Fire Department Apparatus.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed in such a manner that it will interfere with ingress or egress from a structure.
- Dumpsters shall not be placed under fire escapes.
- Dumpsters shall have the name and telephone number of the company or person from which emergency service to expedite movement of the container can be obtained.
- Dumpsters adjacent to buildings shall not be placed so that the top of the container is less than five (5) feet vertically and horizontally below any window or other opening.
- Dumpsters shall be emptied when full.
- Containers which require mechanical assistance to move shall be provided with a means of access to the interior, without disconnecting from a compactor unit or they shall have a minimum port opening of two (2) inches in diameter through which water may be introduced for extinguishing fire. The opening shall be labeled in accordance with 527 CMR 34.05:(2).