



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

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Department of Licenses and Inspections Dumpster Medallion Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is required to obtain a dumpster license and medallion?

A: Anyone who uses a “container for refuse or recyclable materials” that is serviced by a business. If the City of Philadelphia picks up your dumpster, you are not required to obtain a dumpster license and Radio Frequency Identification medallion.

Q: What is a Radio Frequency Identification medallion?

A: This is a small transmitting device, required by the Philadelphia Code, which must be attached to your dumpster. You can obtain the medallion from the Department of Licenses and Inspections. The device will transmit an individual dumpster medallion identification code to handheld computers utilized by city enforcement officers to obtain your individual license information in the field. No private information is stored on the device itself. If the device is not found in the required area of the dumpster, you will be assessed a violation.

Q: Do I have to obtain a license and medallion every year?

A: Public dumpster licenses are renewed on an annual basis and a renewal invoice will be transmitted approximately 4 weeks prior to expiration. Private dumpsters are issued a life-time license. If the medallion continues to operate, a new medallion is not required. Please see ‘**What happens if my medallion is damaged/defective?**’ for detail on replacing a defective medallion.

Q: What are the license fees?

Dumpster Size	Dumpster Use	Annual Fee (Private)	Annual Fee (Public right-of-way)
Less than 1 Cu. Yd.	Trash	\$80	\$200
Less than 1 Cu. Yd.	Recycling	\$40	\$100
Greater than or equal to 1 Cu. Yd.	Trash	\$150	\$500
Greater than or equal to 1 Cu. Yd.	Recycling	\$75	\$250

Construction dumpsters are \$75 annually (for up to three dumpsters)

Q: Where can I pick up medallions?

Location	Address	Dates/Time
Municipal Services Building	1401 JFK Blvd.	Mon – Fri, 8am – 3:30pm (except the last Wednesday of the month 8am – 12pm)

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