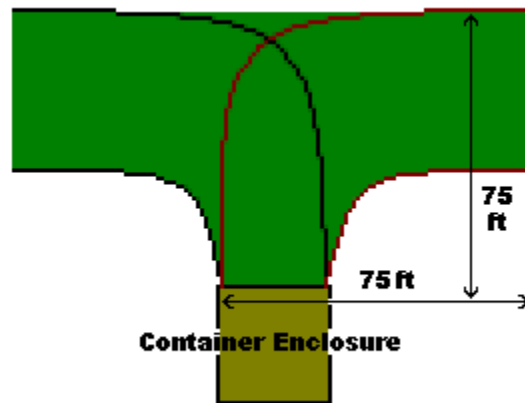


# City of Moorhead Container Information

- Containers and driveway are to be a minimum four inch thick solid and level surface (concrete or asphalt) with a minimum of 75 foot turning radius for the driveway if not straight to enclosure. This area (green areas below) must be free of all obstacles on the ground and overhead such as roof overhangs and parking and end with the truck lined up with the container in the enclosure.



- Enclosures need a minimum of three feet (36 inches) clear space on all sides of the container. At no time is there to be any item within the three foot clear area surrounding the entire container to include bagged garbage, snow, grease containers, recycling containers, or any other items. If containers are placed side by side, only one three foot clearance is required between the containers. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep this area clear. The clear area distance is measured from the furthest protruding part of the container on each side to the closest part of the enclosure, either wall or hinge post.

## Screening Fence Interior Dimensions

Container Volume in Yards	Single Container Interior Fence*		Double Container Interior Fence*	
	Dimensions		Dimensions	
1	12.5' wide	5.33' deep	22' wide	5.33' deep
1 ½ & 2	12.5' wide	8.00' deep	22' wide	8.00' deep
3 & 4	12.5' wide	9.66' deep	22' wide	9.66' deep
6	12.5' wide	13.50' deep	22' wide	13.50' deep

\*This width is for either to the inside of the enclosure or the gate opening if one is put on. At no time should the gate width be any narrower than the specified interior fence dimensions.

- Enclosure height is a minimum of six feet (72 inches).
- Locking of enclosures is permitted but only with City of Moorhead locks which may be used alone or in tandem with property owners locks. The City of Moorhead will provide locks when requested.

- Gates are not required. If gates are put on the enclosure, the three foot measurement is from the furthest protruding part of the container to the furthest protruding part of the enclosure walls, the hinge or the gate, which ever is closest to the container. Gate opening width is the same minimum as the interior width dimension of the enclosure. Gates must be able to be mechanically secured in the open position at all times and seasons, including winter. If this catch is not functioning, the City of Moorhead will not be responsible for resulting damages to the enclosure.
- Gates should open freely in all seasons. A four inch opening at the bottom works well to prevent binding.
- The property owner is responsible for removing all snow and ice from in front of, and inside, the enclosure. All snow and ice removal is to be performed prior to scheduled pickup. If there is still a problem with ice and snow, Sanitation will move the container out of the enclosure to allow for complete snow removal. If no attempt is made to clear ice and snow after an event, the container may be left and a return fee charged.
- Failure to maintain enclosures according to requirements may result in additional fees or fines. Fees and rates are established yearly by the City Council and published as an Appendix to the Moorhead, MN City Code.
- No items are to be placed in containers that are not permitted in the Clay County landfill. Items are listed in the Sanitation section of the City website.
- Contact Sanitation 218.299.5347 with questions.

# Container and Enclosure Checklist

- Is the container enclosure site placed according to Moorhead, MN City Code (Title 3 Chapter 4)?
- Is the surface at least 4 inches of concrete or asphalt?
- Is the enclosure situated to allow for proper access by the Sanitation truck? Requires a 75 foot turning radius with no obstructions on the ground or overhead.
- Will your business grow to need a larger container, need used cooking grease storage, or have any additional items you want to keep in the enclosure? Will you be doing recycling and need containers of over a 100 gallon capacity which also must meet the requirements? If so, you will need to increase your size accordingly. All containers require three feet of clear space with no obstructions on all sides.
- Are you adding a gate? Gate opening width measurements are the same as the minimum inside dimensions of the enclosure.
- Did you include mechanical gate catches to hold them open and closed in all seasons?
- Did you plan for snow and ice removal?
- Do you require locks on the enclosure or container?

# Moorhead, MN City Code excerpt

(Complete City Code on City of Moorhead website)

## 3-4-2: DISPOSAL IN CONTAINERS REQUIRED:

- A. Containers: It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage, rubbish or waste material in any park, street, alley or any other property within the City unless such refuse is deposited in containers, the type, size and location of which are herein provided. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Section, the City reserves the right to vary the type, size and location of containers required herein whenever the Public Works Department determines its ability to sanitarly or conveniently collect and dispose of garbage, rubbish or waste material would be impaired, whenever the City determines a nuisance condition exists, or whenever the Public Works Department determines that it would be in the public interest to do so.
- B. Dwellings: Any householders or occupants of any private dwellings shall provide themselves with one container or plastic bag to receive all refuse which may accumulate between the times of collection. All garbage and wet garbage shall be drained and wrapped before depositing into a container or plastic bag. All containers and plastic bags shall be maintained and kept clean in accordance with the City's public health and sanitation regulations in Title 3 of this Code as such regulations may be from time to time amended, supplemented or replaced. The containers or plastic bags shall be securely sealed and placed in a convenient place for collection by the City sanitation vehicles. Only one container or one plastic bag shall be set out for collection at each dwelling, which container or plastic bag shall not have a capacity in excess of thirty (30) gallons or thirty (30) pounds. If more than thirty (30) gallons or thirty (30) pounds are to be set out for collection, the excess must be placed in one or more prepaid refuse bags authorized by the City for collection of solid waste. Recyclable materials placed out for collection pursuant to Section [3-4-9](#) of this Chapter or yard waste set out for collection pursuant to Section [3-4-11](#) of this Chapter do not count toward the initial thirty (30) gallon or thirty (30) pound limit nor do they need to be disposed of in special prepaid refuse bags. Containers or plastic bags placed out for collection shall be protected from animals or anyone who may want to tear the containers or plastic bags, and shall be stored within the principal structure of the dwelling, within an accessory building to the dwelling, or, for exterior storage, stored in such a manner so as to: 1) not create a nuisance condition, 2) be out of sight from eye level view from the public right of way by locating the containers or plastic bags in the rear of the dwelling and 3) comply with all applicable setback requirements and easements.
- C. Multiple Dwellings Other Than Condominiums And Cooperatives: The City shall provide and rent to owners and operators of multiple dwellings within the City, other than a condominium or cooperative, containers for the purpose of disposal of garbage, rubbish or waste material. Said containers shall be the sole and exclusive means for owners and operators of multiple dwellings within the City to dispose of garbage, rubbish or waste material. The containers will not be allowed on streets or boulevards. The containers shall be maintained and kept clean in accordance with the City's public health and sanitary regulations in Title 3 of this Code as such regulations may be from time to time amended, supplemented or replaced. The containers shall be located so that they may be sanitarly and conveniently collected in City sanitation vehicles. The containers shall be further located so as to: 1) not create a nuisance condition, 2) be out of sight from eye level view from the public right of way by locating the containers in the rear of the multiple dwelling, and 3) comply with all applicable setback requirements and easements. The containers may be required to be kept and stored on a concrete or asphalt surface and fully screened from view of adjacent properties and the public right of way by a fence or wall of at least six feet (6') in height and a minimum opaqueness of eighty percent (80%) whenever the Public Works Department finds good cause exists to

impose such requirements to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the public. Provided, however, the Public Works Department may grant exceptions to the above requirements, as well as exception to the zoning regulations relating to placement of dumpsters where existing physical conditions do not make compliance practical.

- D. Condominiums And Cooperatives: Subject to approval by the Department of Public Works, owners and operators of condominiums or cooperatives within the City shall have the option upon request of the condominium or cooperative association to either: 1) rent the containers provided by the City for the disposal of garbage, rubbish or waste material in accordance with subsection C of this Section and comply with the terms contained therein, or 2) to provide themselves with containers or plastic bags to receive and deposit for collection in accordance with subsection B of this Section and to comply with the terms therein.
- E. Business Establishments: The City shall provide and rent to owners and operators of restaurants, stores and business establishments within the City containers for the purpose of disposing of garbage, rubbish or waste material. Said containers shall be the sole and exclusive means for owners and operators of restaurants, stores or business establishments, within the City to dispose of garbage, rubbish or waste material except as may be otherwise permitted by the Department of Public Works. The containers will not be allowed on streets or boulevards. The containers shall be maintained and kept clean in accordance with the City's public health and sanitation regulations in Title 3 of this Code as such regulations may be from time to time amended, supplemented or replaced. The containers shall be located so that they may be sanitarily and conveniently collected in City sanitation vehicles. The containers shall be located so as to: 1) not create a nuisance condition, 2) be out of sight from eye level view from the public right of way by locating the containers in the rear of the restaurant, store or business establishment, and 3) comply with all applicable setback requirements and easements. The containers may be required to be kept and stored on a concrete or asphalt surface and fully screened from view of adjacent properties and the public right of way by a fence or wall of at least six feet (6') in height and a minimum opaqueness of eighty percent (80%) whenever the public works department finds good cause exists to impose such requirements to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the public.
- F. Institutions Of Higher Learning: Four (4) year institutions of higher learning shall be permitted to provide collection services of garbage, rubbish and waste material utilizing the institution's equipment and personnel. (Ord. 96-18, 10-21-1996)

### **3-4-3: COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE:**

The city shall hereafter provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, waste material, yard waste and recyclable material as deposited and stored as provided herein. Such refuse shall be collected from private dwellings as described in subsections [3-4-2B](#), C and D of this chapter and from business establishments as described in subsections [3-4-2E](#) and F of this chapter as deemed necessary. The city shall further provide for the transportation and disposition of said refuse by such means and in such manner as to ensure the protection of public health and to avoid the establishment of a public nuisance and to render safe, sanitary service to all residences or businesses requiring such service.

Except as specifically permitted in this chapter, no person or firm shall engage in collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, waste material, yard waste or recyclable material in the city other than as authorized by the public works director to assist with collection during times of natural disaster or emergencies as declared by the mayor. (Ord. 96-18, 10-21-1996)