

CONDITIONS FOR THE PLACING OF SKIPS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY SECTIONS 139 AND 140 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

GENERAL

1. A skip shall not be placed on the highway without the prior approval in writing of the General Manager Place and Neighbourhood Services or his representative.
2. The skip owner shall arrange for suitable Public Liability insurance whereby the skip owner's insurers will indemnify the Highway Authority against any liability, loss, claim or proceeding whatsoever arising under the statute or common law in respect of the placing, and maintaining of skips on the highway, or their removal therefrom.
3. The skip owner shall allow at least 3 clear working days between the date of its application for a licence to place a skip on the highway and the date on which the licence is intended to commence.

SPECIFICATION OF SKIPS

4. The skip shall not exceed 5 metres (16'6") in length and 2 metres (6'6") in width.
5. The skip shall be clearly and permanently marked on one of the longer sides (not the end) with the owner's name and address or telephone number.
6. The ends of the skips shall be painted yellow and there shall be attached vertically along the outside edge of each end so as to be visible to traffic a strip of material the composition of which complies with the Builders Skips (Markings) Regulations 1984 (SI 1984 No.1933) in having broad red fluorescent and yellow reflecting diagonal stripes. The painting and the strip of material shall at all times be kept clean.

POSITION OF SKIPS

7. A skip shall not be placed on the highway so as to impede the surface water drainage of the highway or to obstruct access to other premises, fire hydrants, gullies, manholes or any apparatus belonging to a Statutory Undertaker or to the Highway Authority.
8. Any skip on the carriageway shall be positioned with its longer side parallel to and as near to the edge of the carriageway as possible.
9. A skip shall be clearly visible to traffic approaching from either side at a distance of not less than 75 metres (250 feet) and should not be placed within 20 metres (75 feet) of a road junction.
10. A skip shall not partly or wholly obstruct a footway without the permission of the General Manager Place and Neighbourhood Services or his representative. If such permission has been granted, a 1 metre (3 feet) wide pedestrian walkway must be roped off to segregate pedestrians from traffic and the walkway must be lamped at night.
11. Where more than one skip is placed upon the highway at the same time, the skips shall be positioned as close to each other as possible so that the distance between adjacent skips does not exceed 2 metres (6 feet).

LIGHTING AND CONING OF SKIPS

12. A skip on the carriageway shall be protected by four cones positioned on the approaching traffic side as shown in the diagram below.
13. During the hours of darkness an amber lamp shall be attached to each corner of the skip and when the skip has been placed on the carriageway, lamps must be placed between traffic cones in accordance with the diagram below. (Each lamp should have an illuminative power of not less than 1 candela and must remain lit throughout the night).
14. Any owner of a skip seeking, by contractual condition, to transfer to the hirer the liability under Condition 13 above to light and cone the skip, shall make sufficient lights and cones available to the hirer and shall inform the hirer that the same are available should the hirer so require them.

CONTENTS OF SKIPS

15. No skip shall contain any inflammable, explosive, noxious or dangerous material which is likely to putrify or become a nuisance to the users of the highway and the contents of the skip must be kept damp to prevent nuisance from dust.
16. No skip shall be used in such a way that any of the contents fall on to the highway.

REMOVAL OF SKIPS

17. No skips shall remain on the highway after the expiry of the licence. (If an extension of licence is required an application must be made in writing to the General Manager Place and Neighbourhood Services or his representative two working days prior to the expiry of the licence).
18. Any skip shall be removed as soon as possible and in any case not later than 2 working days after it has been filled.
19. A skip shall be removed or repositioned if required by the Police, the Corporate Head of Environment Service or his representative.
20. A skip owner placing a skip on the highway is responsible for the removal and proper disposal of the materials placed in the skip irrespective of who has used the skip.
21. On the expiry of the licence, the highway where the skip has been positioned must be left in a clean and tidy condition and any damage to the highway repaired to the satisfaction of the General Manager Place and Neighbourhood Services or his representative.

