



## Commercial Refuse Container Permit

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Department of Transportation (DOT) published notice of adoption of amendments to Sections 2-03 and 2-14(f) of Chapter 2 of Title 34 of the Highway Rules concerning commercial refuse containers not related to any use for which a separate DOT construction activity or Department of Buildings permit is required. The amendments will allow DOT to track the locations of this type of container within its permitting system, helping to identify and prevent potential conflicts with scheduled roadway maintenance, other construction, and special events. The new amendments will go into effect on August 21, 2010.

### Important Information

The amended rules should be read in their entirety, however, highlighted below are some important points. Please note that the term “owners” herein refers to the carting company that owns the container.

- The carting company, not the property owner, will be responsible for securing the permit.
- The permit will be valid for up to **five consecutive days**, and the fee is **\$30**.
- Containers must be placed parallel to the curb and extend no more than 9 feet from the curb into the street.
- The street must be protected with proper covering to prevent damage before containers are placed on the street.
- Owners must clearly mark containers with high intensity reflective paint, reflectors, or similar markings.
- Owners must label containers with the owner’s name, address and telephone number.
- DOT’s strict placement criteria includes the following:
  - Containers cannot be placed in “No Stopping,” “No Standing,” “No Parking Anytime” or “Authorized Parking” areas
  - Containers cannot be placed at the corner quadrant, within crosswalks or pedestrian ramps, within 15 feet of hydrants and cannot obstruct utility access points.

### Online Application

Companies not already registered with DOT must complete a one-time in-person registration. You can learn more about the Registration process at <http://www.nyc.gov/dot/permits>. Following registration, companies will be provided the link to an online application that will allow them to apply and pay for commercial refuse container permits online. The online system will:

- **Eliminate the need to travel to one of DOT’s Permit Offices to apply for or pick up permits in-person.**
- **Enhance recordkeeping.** All of your commercial refuse container permits will be conveniently stored online and are accessible anytime.
- **Help prevent potential conflicts.** Applicants will be notified at the time of application submission if the requested location and/or dates conflict with a planned special event. Companies can also plan around advisories and construction embargoes by accessing the Traffic Advisories page at [www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/trafalrt.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/trafalrt.shtml). This information can also be found at one of the borough permit office locations.

Companies already registered with DOT should email their company name and BIC license or registration number to [CRCPermit@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:CRCPermit@dot.nyc.gov) so that DOT can update its computer system and send the link to the online application.