



# Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County

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## Private Collection Permits

Pursuant to the Metropolitan Code 10.20.100 Any person, who for a fee, collects garbage, rubbish, chipper residue, wood waste, yard waste and industrial waste within the limits of the Metropolitan Government shall obtain each year a private collection permit for each vehicle or mobile waste container.

Permits must be obtained from the Metro Department of Public Works for persons who:

- Transport garbage, wood/yard/chipper waste, or industrial waste
- Operate landfill, transfer stations or processing facilities

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PERMIT APPLICATION, PAYMENT AND AFFIXING DECALS IS JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUALLY**

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### PRIVATE COLLECTION PERMITS

##### *What is a Private Collection Permit?*

A private collection permit, issued by the Public Works Department, allows the permit holder to collect and transport garbage, rubbish, chipper residue, wood/yard waste or industrial waste within Metropolitan Davidson County.

##### *Who needs Private Collection Permits?*

All businesses that haul/transport garbage, rubbish, construction & demolition waste, wood/yard waste, chipper residue, or industrial waste within Metropolitan Davidson County using vehicles or mobile waste containers.

##### *What is actually permitted?*

Businesses obtain private collection permits for vehicles and mobile waste containers.

##### *What is a mobile waste container?*

A container used for storing or transporting waste materials to a disposal or transfer/processing point. "Mobile Waste Containers" include containers commonly known as dumpster and roll-off containers in excess of two cubic yards of capacity.

##### *Are there fees for private collection permits?*

Yes. Below is the annual fee schedule.

Type of permit	Fee Per Vehicle or Container
Vehicles less than 3 cubic yards	\$50/year
Vehicles in excess of 3 cubic yards	\$100/year
Mobile Waste Containers in excess of 2 cubic yards	\$10/year

##### *How often do permits need to be renewed?*

All permits need to be renewed annually by July 1<sup>st</sup> including the payment of vehicle and mobile waste container fees.

##### *Do I need a permit if I am hauling waste from outside Davidson County to a disposal or processing facility within Davidson County?*

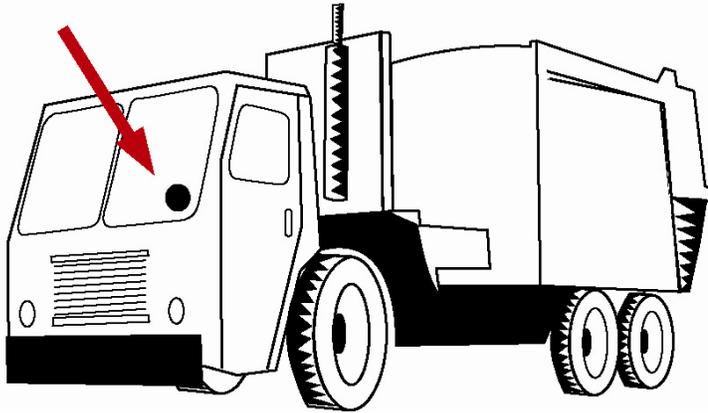
Yes. Any one transporting material on any public highway, road, street or alley within the limits of the Metropolitan Government must obtain each year a private collection permit from the Department for each such vehicle or mobile waste container.

##### *Do I need to provide the locations for each mobile waste container?*

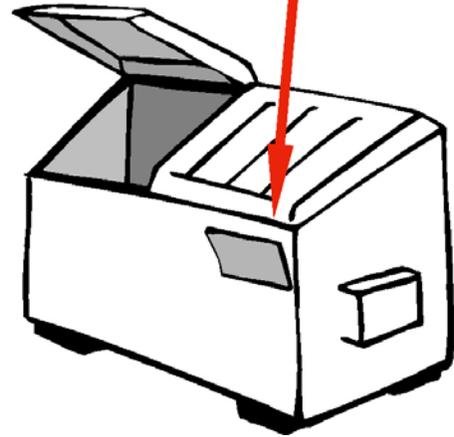
Yes, and Public Works needs to be notified monthly if a container is moved to a different location.

***Where do permits need to be placed on vehicles and dumpsters?***

Vehicle permits are to be placed on the lower driver-side corner of the windshield as shown below.



Mobile Waste Container Permits are to be placed on the upper right corner of the front of the container.



**ENFORCEMENT**

***Are there any penalties for not getting a private collection permit or paying the waste generator fees?***

Pursuant to the Metropolitan Code 10.20.090, the Director shall designate Environmental Enforcement Officers to inspect, investigate and enforce the provisions of this Chapter. A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each day the violation continues.

The Director shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and he/she or his/her duly authorized Enforcement Officers may enter with the consent of the owner or occupant or with a valid search warrant, and upon presentation of proper identification, any building, structure or premises within the area or jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Government to perform any duty or responsibility imposed upon him/her by this chapter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PERMITS VISIT: [WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV/RECYCLE/PERMITS.ASP](http://WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV/RECYCLE/PERMITS.ASP)  
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