

Please help prevent

Dumpster Fires

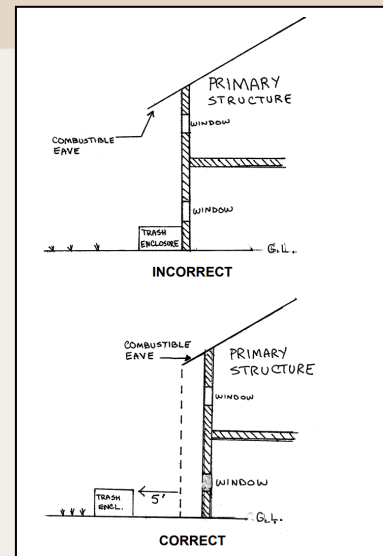


Every year Heartland Fire & Rescue responds to numerous dumpster fires. These fires have the potential to spread and cause devastating damage. Whether dumpster fires are caused from the combustion of hazardous materials or vandalism, they create dangerous situations.



Dumpsters are usually positioned near structures, and these fires typically produce a heavy volume of fire and extremely high heat.

- Ensuring that your dumpster is placed in a proper location is important. When placing the dumpster, be sure to have it at least 5 feet from combustible walls, openings, or combustible roof eave lines.
- Giving space for the dumpster disposal crew can also provide for safer emergency response if an emergency occurs. This can help protect your building and surrounding objects.
- Keep your dumpster areas as clean as possible. Do not leave large piles of debris next to the dumpster. If the dumpster catches on fire it can easily extend to near objects.



- To reduce the risk of fire, do not dispose of hazardous or flammable materials in a dumpster.
- Dumpster lids are required to be closed at all times.
- Property managers can do their part to help keep dumpster fires at bay by ensuring that their residents properly dispose of garbage and waste, and dumpsters are emptied often.
- If you would like to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, the city offers 8 free collection events each year for City of La Mesa residents. [View the 2021 HHW event schedule.](#)
- If you do have a dumpster fire, don't try to extinguish it yourself - call 911.



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