



## Bin, Enclosure & Access Specifications

The following is general information about container types and sizes, as well as enclosure and access requirements to assist planners in providing adequate enclosures for solid waste and recycle services at locations that require central (bin) collection. This guide is meant to be informative only. Operations staff are available to help answer specific questions that may relate to your facility.

### Bin Specifications

#### Approximate Bin Sizes

<u>Size of Container</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>
1 or 1.5 cubic yard	34.5 in x	45 in x	82 in
2 cubic yard bin	40.5 in x	51 in x	82 in
3 cubic yard bin	45 in x	65.5 in x	82 in
4 cubic yard bin	55 in x	68.5 in x	82 in
6 cubic yard bin	69 in x	71.5 in x	82 in *has no wheels, stationery
15 cubic yard box	16 ft x	4 ft x	8 ft
20 cubic yard box	18 ft x	4 ft x	8 ft
30 cubic yard box	18 ft x	6 ft x	8 ft

#### Approximate Cart Sizes

<u>Size of Container</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>
32-gallon	22.5in x	38.5 in x	19in
64-gallon	26.5in x	43 in x	22.5in
96-gallon	34in x	41 in x	30in

Carts are primarily used for single-family dwellings and must be taken to the public street for collection.

## Bin Enclosures

### Size of Container

1 to 4 cubic yards

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6 cubic yards\*

### Space Needed

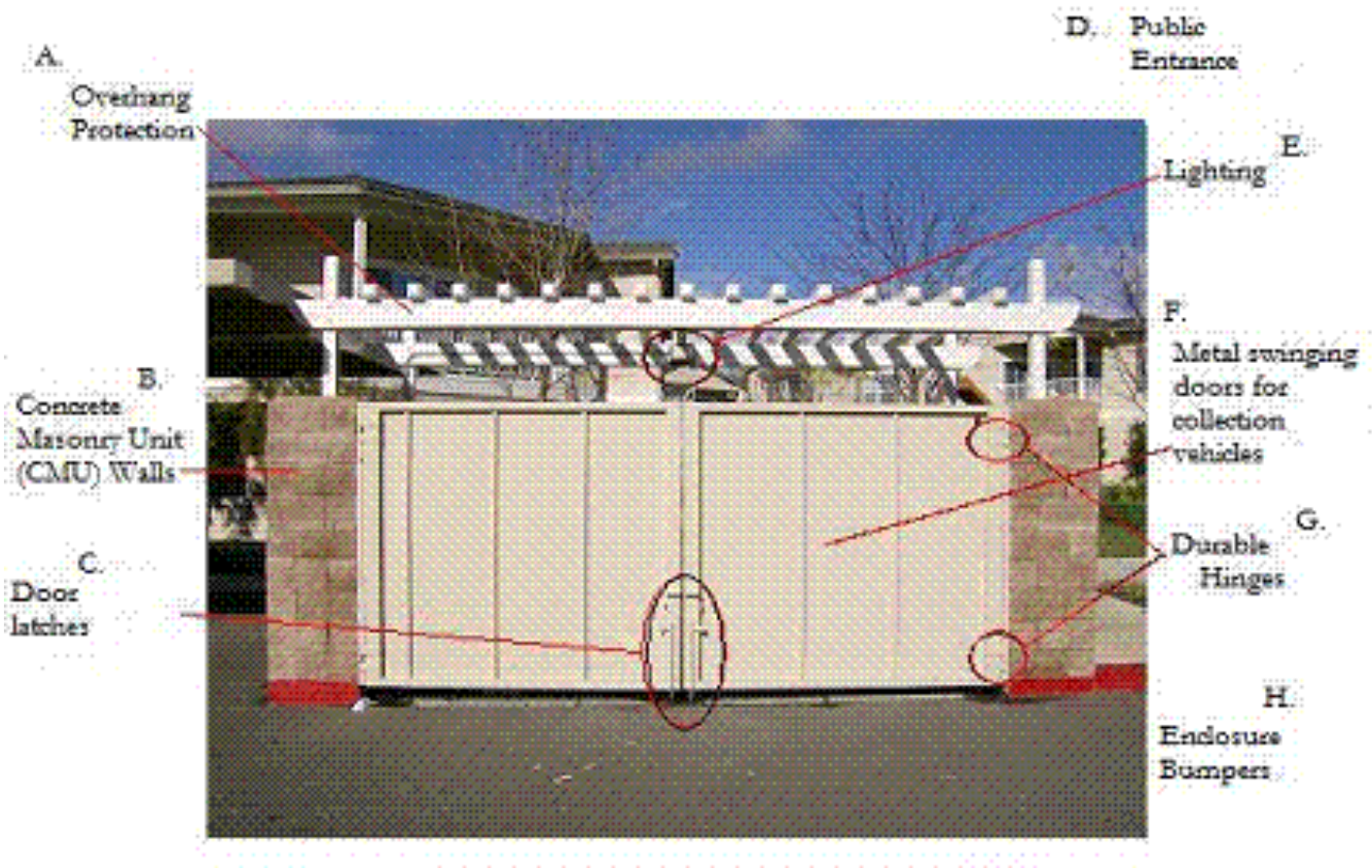
1 ft space between bin and walls, or 1 ft in from door hinge

2 ft space between adjacent bins

3 ft space between bin and wall (each side)

\*Six-yard containers do not have wheels. Driver must be able to drive directly up to container.

## Enclosure Specifications



### **Overhang Protection**

Helps keep non-tenants from tossing bulky items such as mattresses and furniture into bins. Also allows for light fixtures to be hung.

### **Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) Walls**

Strengthen walls by using CMUs. Wood panel walls are fragile to regular collection service with bins being pulled in and out.

## Durable Hinges



Hinges should be located on the outside of the frame to allow maximum opening of the gates/doors. Hinges must be heavy-duty to withstand regular use. Recology will not be liable for hinge failure due to normal wear and tear.

## Enclosure Bumpers

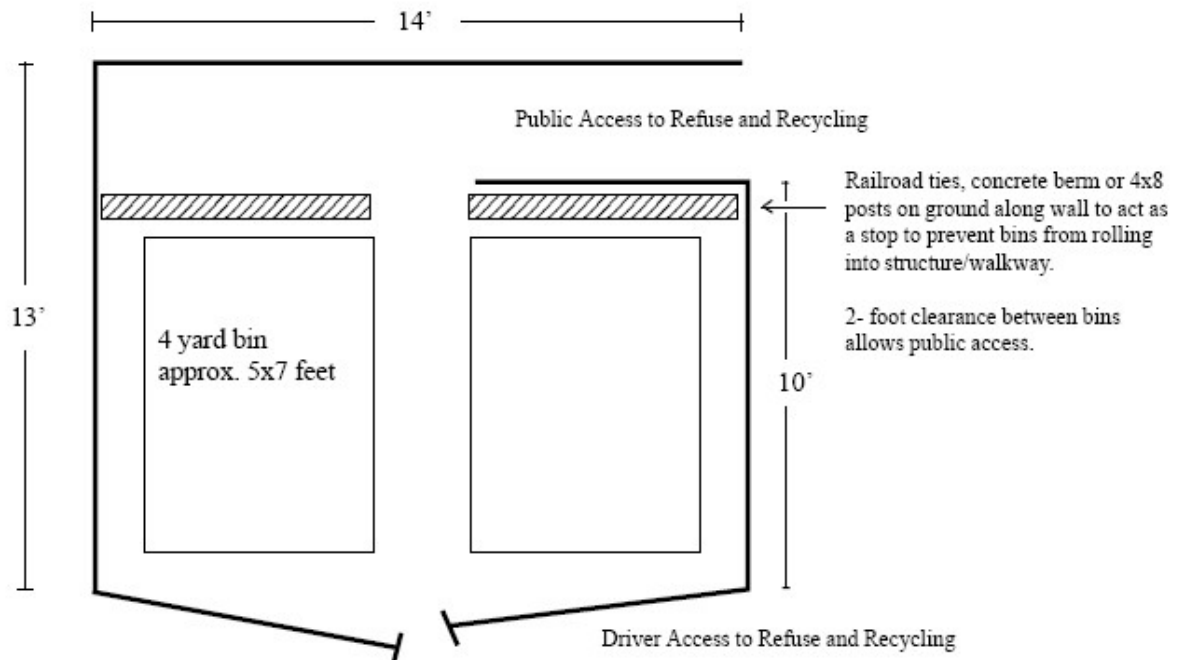
To protect enclosure walls, it is advisable to create a bumper (concrete, metal or railroad tie) between bins and the enclosure walls in order to prevent bins from rolling into structure. This is particularly important along the back wall.



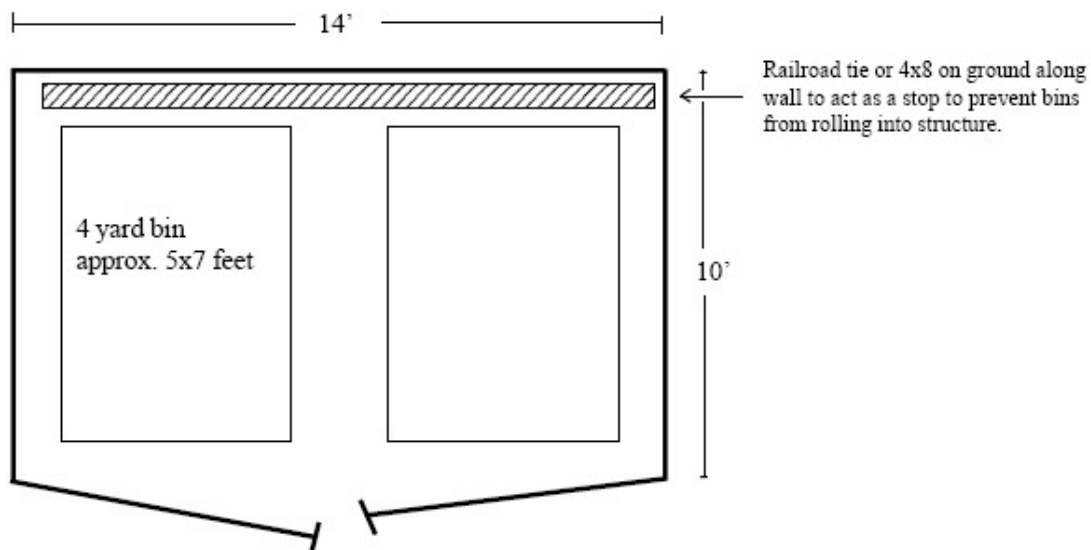
## Model Bin Enclosures

These are models only. Double check the specifications of your containers and requirements of your hauler or City codes before constructing any enclosure. Models with separate public access are ideal for multifamily complexes. All enclosure dimensions are interior. Optional public access (as in example 1) may be incorporated into any of these models.

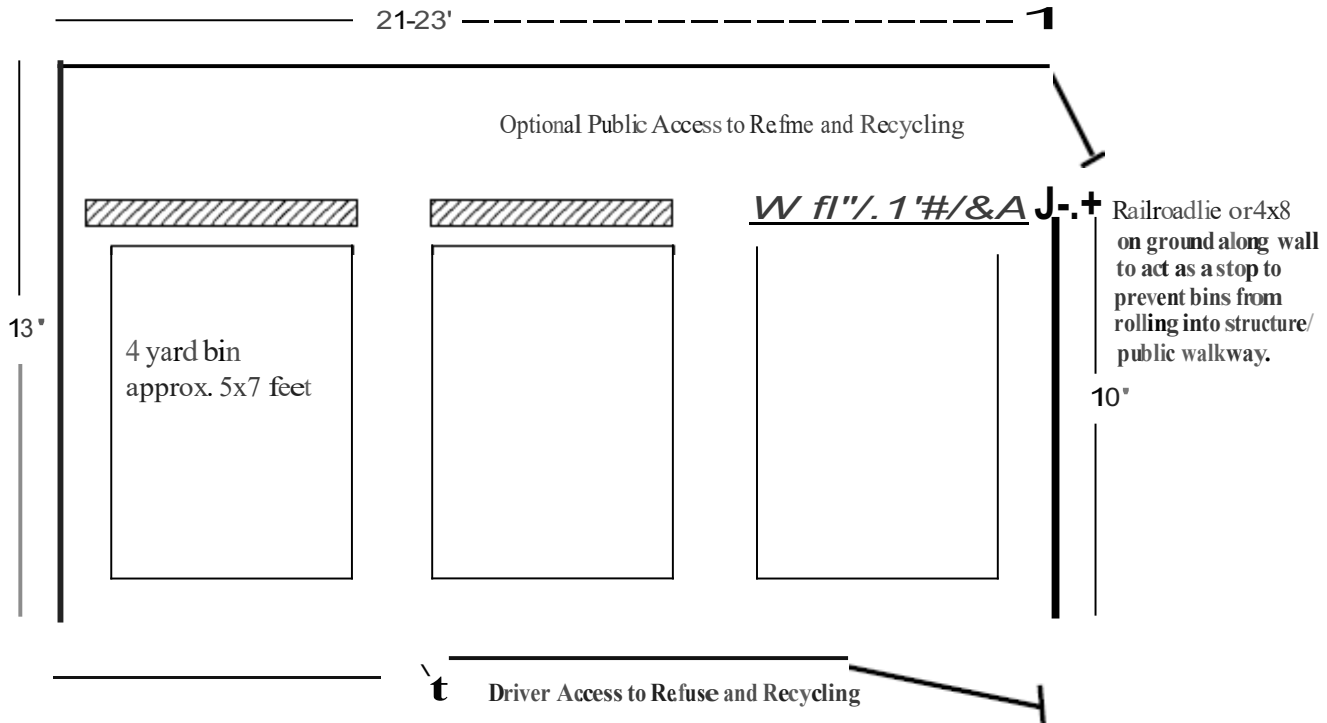
### 1. Enclosure for Two Bins with Public Access



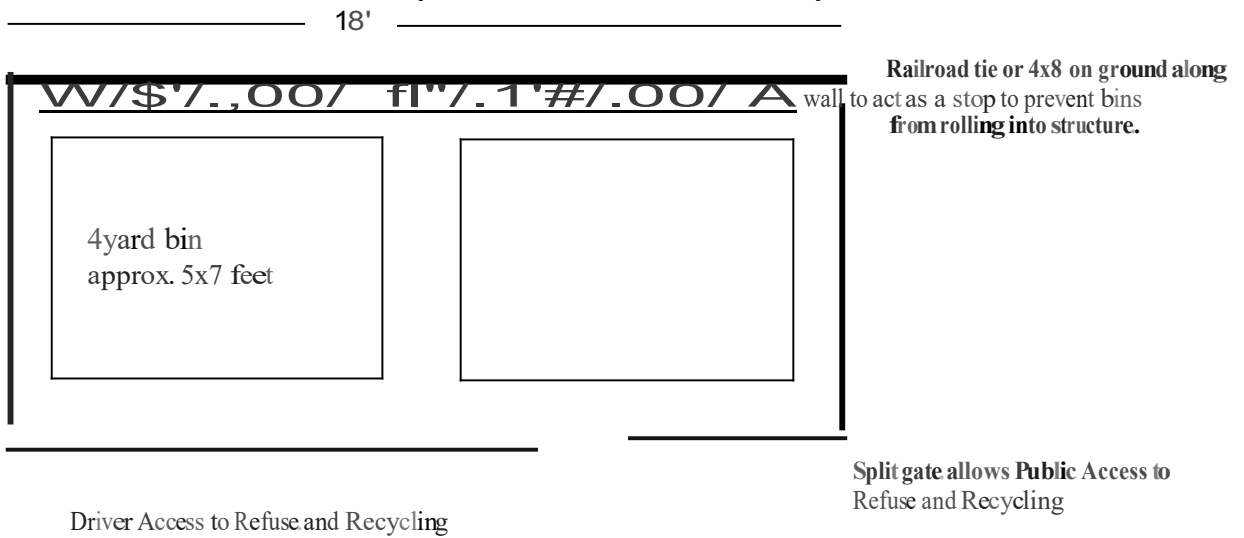
### 2. Two Bin Enclosure



### 3. Enclosure for Three Bins (Optional Public Access)

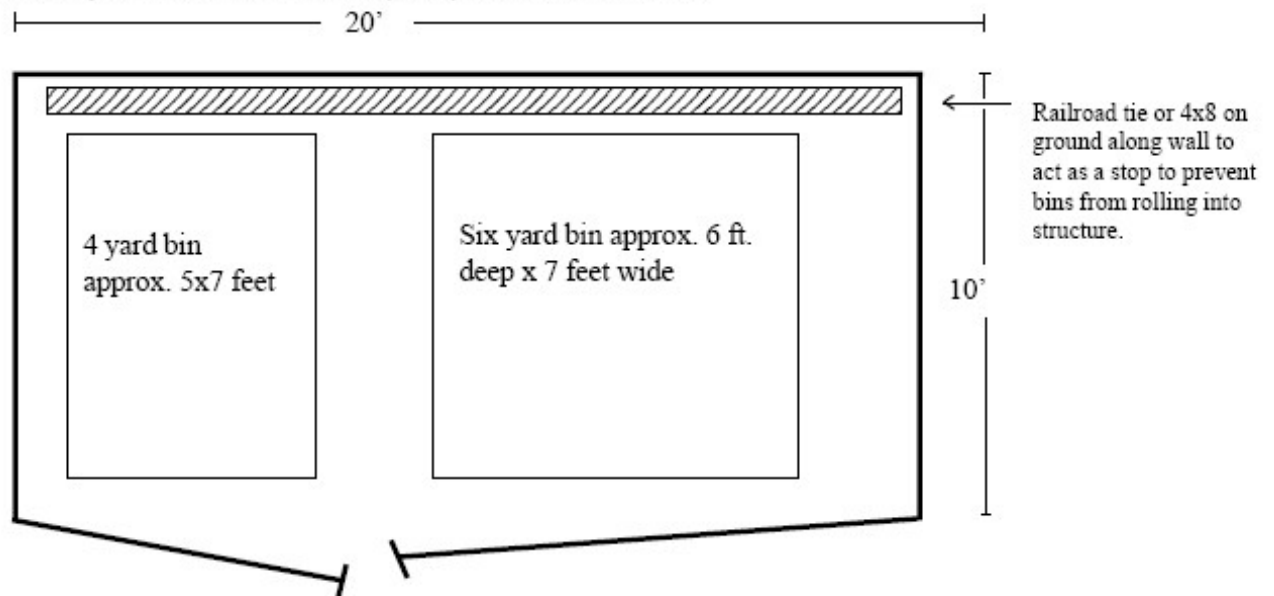


### 4. Two Bin Enclosure (horizontal orientation)



## 5. Two Bin Enclosure with a 6-yard bin

Six cubic yard bins require additional clearance on sides for truck access. These bins have no wheels and are stationary. Driver must be able to pull up to bin unobstructed.



### Access Specifications

#### Enclosure Design

Enclosure design must permit the removal of any individual bin without needing to remove another bin. Enclosure design should take into account both the size and number of bins needed to provide optimum service to the facility. **A recycle bin and compost bin should be accommodated for in addition to garbage bins.**

6-yard bins do not have wheels. The enclosure opening must be approximately three (3) feet wider (on each side) than the bin so the truck can drive directly up to the enclosure and insert the truck arms into the bin. Other bins may be placed alongside a 6-yard bin as long as adequate space between bins is provided. All collection areas must be flat or customers must roll bins to a flat area.

#### Vehicle Clearance

Overhead clearance of 14 feet is required for all trucks entering area. An additional 5 feet of overhead clearance is necessary at location where bins are tipped. Enclosures should be kept away from overhead obstructions such as carports, awnings, low trees or power lines.

#### Enclosure Approach

Recology requires that all private roads, lanes or driveways be built to public road standards. Recology will not be responsible for damage to asphalt or substandard paving. A damage waiver may be required before collection vehicles will enter any private property deemed to have inadequate paving.

There should be at least a 20-foot concrete pad in front of the enclosure. Asphalt is not adequate in front of enclosures. Complexes that utilize asphalt will be required to provide a damage waiver.

The enclosure and surface where collection occurs must be level to avoid bins rolling on sloped areas.

To minimize backing, enclosure plans should be designed to allow drivers to pull through. Facility roadways must be designed in such a manner that drivers do not need to back up more than ten (10) feet.

Complexes utilizing 6-cubic yard bins must provide a straight approach to the enclosure as they do not have wheels and cannot be rolled into position.

### **Turn-a-Rounds and Turning Radius**

Roads and driveways must be designed to meet turning radius specifications as per fire department requirements (generally a minimum of 34') even if emergency vehicles will not need to enter the area. Because collection vehicles will be entering driveways each week, specifications need to accommodate regular service as opposed to one-time usage from emergency vehicles. Collection vehicles need greater considerations to safety while pulling in and backing out.

Recology will not enter dead-end alleys or cul-de-sacs unless the driver can safely maneuver a turn around. Fire department specifications for turn-a-rounds does not necessarily provide for safe turn around for a commercial vehicle providing weekly service. Alternately, a hammerhead or "tee" at least 80 feet long may be constructed to permit an adequate turnaround for collection vehicles.

### **Please Note**

Every site is unique. We are happy to review your plans or to answer any questions you may have.

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