

## KEEP DUMPSTERS 5 FEET AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLE WALLS, EAVES, OR OPENINGS

### CODE SECTIONS

*2010 Yocha Dehe Fire Code*

**Section 304.3.3 Capacity exceeding 1.5 cubic yards.** Dumpsters and containers with an individual capacity of 1.5 cubic yards (40.5 cubic feet) or more shall not be stored in buildings or placed within 5 feet of combustible walls, openings or combustible eave lines.

**Exception:**

1. Dumpsters or containers in areas protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed throughout in accordance with the Fire Code.
2. Storage in a structure shall not be prohibited where the structure is of Type I or IIA construction, located not less than 10 feet from other buildings and used exclusively for dumpster or container storage.

### EXPLANATION

Trash dumpsters cannot be stored in a building unless the building is fully equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system. Dumpsters must also be stored at least five (5) feet from a building unless the building, including the eaves is of fire resistive construction or by locating a fire sprinkler head connected to the automatic fire sprinkler system for the building.

### RATIONALE

Trash dumpster fire are very common. They are usually started by carelessly discarded items such as cigarettes, or by vandalism. By locating the dumpster either away from the building or by protecting the building with automatic fire sprinklers, it is hoped to keep the dumpster fire from spreading to the building.

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