

**Rowan University - School of Osteopathic Medicine
Environmental Health and Safety**

Subject: Refuse Container/Dumpster Control
Effective Date: September, 2021
Approved by: Thomas Boyle

I. Purpose:

This article requires dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharging of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the storm drains on the property of Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine and/or the waters of the state so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this regulation clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Storm Drain – a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes.
- b. Person – Any individual (including but not limited to a University student, visiting faculty member or other visitor, guest, professional member of the University's academic, administrative or teaching staff, or other University officer, agent or employee), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- c. Refuse Container – any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails and plastic trash bags.
- d. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, and is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- e. Waters of the State – the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface water or groundwater, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.
- f. University - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

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- g. University Property – Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Rowan University.

III. Prohibited Conduct

- a. Any person who controls, whether owned, leased or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.
- b. Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the storm drains on the property of Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

IV. Exceptions

- a. Permitted temporary demolition containers.
- b. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers).
- c. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit.

V. Violations

- a. Any University student who continues to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to fines, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions pursuant to the University's Student Handbook.
- b. Any University officer, staff member, employee or agent who is in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.
- c. Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the University to provide equipment, materials, supplies or services on University property, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with this regulation and/or Federal and New Jersey statutes.
- d. Any person who violates this regulation may also be subject to prosecution under applicable Federal or New Jersey statutes.