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What Should I Know?

The waste management industry has come a long way in a short amount of time. It is now easy for anyone to rent a dumpster that will meet your needs, whether you want to start a small business or remodel your home. All over the country, waste companies, such as Dumpster.me, have offices and partnerships that provide commercial and residential dumpsters to your area for reasonable prices. This basic guide was put together for those who may be interested in renting a dumpster or might be wanting a more in-depth look at how the process works.

How do I know which kind of dumpster I need?

There are certainly a lot of factors that go into renting a dumpster, and it can be very intimidating for someone who might never have rented one before. The first question you need to ask yourself is: What kind of dumpster is the best type for my project?

Residential Dumpster

You need to rent a Residential Dumpster if you are planning to:

- Finally clean your garage before a new civilization starts to form.
- Take a wall out of your house to fulfill your dream of a kitchen in your bedroom.
- Perform any small remodeling or roofing projects.
- Trash items that have survived an uncanny amount of garage sale attempts.
- Do some yard work such as tree trimming and landscaping around you house.

Commercial Dumpster
Renting a Commercial Dumpster will be for those of you who:

- Have a business trash can that is overflowing every week.
- Are looking to move into a larger office building and need trash removal.
- Are marketing a special sale and expecting higher volume sales.
- Want a better garbage removal plan than throwing it in the dumpster across the street.
- Plan events and need a dumpster big enough to handle cleanup for the senior prom.
- Are hearing complaints from tenants in your apartment about the lack of space for trash.

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Construction Dumpster

Last, but not least, for major construction and demolition jobs, you need something sturdy to place heavier materials in. A Construction and Demolition Dumpster will be what you will need to consider if you:

- Are constructing something
- Are demolishing something
- ...that's pretty much it.

If you're still not sure about which dumpster is right for the job you're doing, that's okay! There are some
great resources online that can further assist you in finding exactly what you need. Head over to:

- Dumpster.me Types & Sizes
- Danny the Dumpster's Guide to Dumpster Rentals
- Learn from Danny the Dumpster's Tips

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**Size Matters**

If you've gotten this far in the manual, you can give yourself a pat on the back; you've successfully made your first step towards renting a dumpster! It's time to consider another question before you order...and this one could end up costing you extra cash if you don't think it through. Since you know what kind of dumpster (Residential, Commercial, or Construction) you should get, the next step is to ask yourself: *What size dumpster should I get?*

**Roll Off Dumpsters**

If you're planning to rent either a Residential Dumpster or a Construction Dumpster, then you might want to consider a Roll Off Dumpster for your project. It's called that because there are wheels located on the bottom of them, so they can be rolled off the truck onto the ground. Get it? Rolled off? No? Okay...let's move on.

A roll off dumpster has an open top, so it's very easy to place things inside. When the job is done, a truck will come by to load it back up, and off it goes with all your debris! It makes for a very clean, productive work space while you spruce things up. Typically, these are for short term use and will be rented by you for a pre-determined time frame. Let's look at the different sizes of Roll Off Dumpsters available to you. Be mindful: Actual sizes may vary depending on market area.
10-15 Cubic Yard

Ideal for small construction, renovation or landscaping projects.

- 15'-20' long x 8' wide x 3' tall
- Open top holds about 5-6 pickup truck loads

20 Cubic Yard

Ideal for small to medium construction projects or garage cleaning projects.

- 20' long x 8' wide x 4' tall
- Open top holds about 10 pickup truck loads

30 Cubic Yard

Ideal for commercial construction, large residential renovations or large cleaning projects

- 15'-20' long x 8' wide x 3' tall
- Open top holds about 15 pickup truck loads

40 Cubic Yard

Ideal for large construction jobs, new home construction or large cleaning projects

- 20' long x 8' wide x 8' tall
- Open top holds about 15 pickup truck loads

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**Front Load Dumpsters**

Dumpsters for long-term use, for places such as businesses, apartment buildings, hospitals, or military bases, are called Front Load Dumpsters. These are the dumpsters you're used to seeing in shopping complexes and such, and they're used as a central garbage hub for multiple people and businesses.

As opposed to the one-time use of the roll off dumpsters, the process of renting front load dumpsters is a little more involved. You'll need to determine things such as:

- If you will recycle the waste placed in the dumpster
- How often it will be emptied per week
- Equipment needed (enclosures, ramps, etc.)
- Space limitations in the location you're planning to place the dumpster
- Potential contracts that will need to be signed with your local waste removal authority
2 Cubic Yard

Ideal for small to medium businesses or for areas with tight spaces.

- 6' wide x 3' deep x 3' tall
- Holds roughly 30 kitchen-sized (13 gallon) trash bags

3 Cubic Yard

Ideal for small to medium businesses or for areas with tight spaces.

- 6' wide x 4' deep x 4' tall
- Holds roughly 45 kitchen-sized (13 gallon) trash bags

4 Cubic Yard

Ideal for high-volume small businesses or medium-sized businesses such as gas stations, convenience stores or stores in a shopping mall.

- 6' wide x 5.5' deep x 4' tall in the front slanting to 5' tall in the back
- Holds roughly 60 kitchen-sized (13 gallon) trash bags

6 Cubic Yard

Ideal for high-volume medium-sized businesses like restaurants, or large retail stores and shopping malls.

- 6' wide x 6' deep x 4' tall in the front slanting to 5' tall in the back
- Holds roughly 90 kitchen-sized (13 gallon) trash bags

8 Cubic Yard

Ideal for high-volume medium-sized businesses like restaurants, or large retail stores and shopping malls.
- 6' wide x 6.5' deep x 4' tall in the front slanting to 6.5' tall in the back
- Holds roughly 120 kitchen-sized (13 gallon) trash bags

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**Garbage & Recycle Compactors**

Finally, let's talk briefly about Garbage & Recycle Compactors. Since this is a comprehensive guide, compactors should be mentioned as a method of waste disposal. To be clear, however, they should not be considered if you have little to no experience renting a dumpster, as this is more of an option for industrial centers that generate a lot of trash like grocery stores, apartment complexes, larger shopping malls and factories. Compactors can be purchased or leased, and are usually considered as an option only by experienced construction companies, contractors, property managers, etc.

These compactors are available for purchase and lease at [Dumpster.me](https://www.dumpster.me) as well as other solid waste companies around the United States. They come in various types and sizes for different collection needs and should only be considered after talking to a waste company representative who will help you determine if this is the best option for you.

**A Quick Review**

You've just made a great first step into learning all about how to rent a dumpster! We're almost ready to move forward with the ordering process, but first, let's go over what we've learned so far.

1. Residential Dumpsters, Commercial Dumpsters, and Construction Dumpsters are available to meet
all your waste removal needs.

2. Roll Off Dumpsters are commonly used for home projects or renovations. They are dropped off and retrieved after a certain amount of days.

3. Front Load Dumpsters are used for businesses and complexes that require weekly garbage pickups.

4. You need to talk with a local waste company to schedule pickups and to determine the best location for the dumpster.

5. It's also a good idea to check your area's ordinances to ensure you are complying with local statutes.

6. Garbage & Recycle Compactors are for massive amounts of waste. They are used for areas such as shopping malls and military complexes.

Preparing to Order

You should now be feeling pretty confident about what kind of dumpster you need. It's important to know the differences between them. Since you're so dumpster savvy, it's time to throw everything in some trash bags, pick up the phone, and order...right?

...wrong! Knowing which dumpster you need is one thing; knowing what you should or should not put in the dumpster is another story altogether! You see, waste companies are very concerned with our environment and have conducted studies to determine what types of materials should not simply be thrown away. It's always important to consider the impact our garbage has on the world.

The Bigger Picture

The waste industry has received criticism over the years for bad decisions regarding how they've disposed of our waste. Since then, there have been many legislation changes in an attempt to reduce the
world's carbon footprint, and our waste companies have worked hard to comply with all laws and statutes regarding removal and disposal.

The purpose of this section of our guide is not to force you to be more environmentally conscious, or to save a whale, or hug a tree. However, there are very severe consequences for improperly discarding hazardous or excessive waste. The next question we will cover is: How can I throw away my junk responsibly?

Recycle It

Here in the United States, it's estimated that half of the garbage thrown away could be recycled. Half! That's a lot! Recycling is fast becoming a part of our culture, and the best thing you can do to get rid of certain reusable items, and thereby reduce your carbon footprint, is to recycle it. Be sure to check with your local recycling center to find out what materials are considered hazardous because they will require a little more effort for disposal.

Household recycling is a popular service that makes creative use of old items. Using screen doors as pot racks, old cans as artsy utensil holders, even old wine bottles as torches...the possibilities are endless. It takes some creative thinking, but there are plenty of older things you can simply repurpose, giving a new look and new life to things we all have laying around.

An even older form of recycling is the tried-and-true method of second-hand recycling. This is when we give used goods to friends and family; anything they don't want can be donated to thrift stores and community centers. There are several wonderful organizations, such as Goodwill, that can take your gently used items and make them available at reasonable prices to others in the area. There are often things that could be helpful to others sitting in our garages - we can be smart about how to put those things to good use. Keep in mind, though: there are guidelines at every different donation center as to what they will and won't accept, so check with them first before you load up your car.

Also, did you know that if you're looking to recycle a bunch of things at once, you can order a dumpster for that? You would be surprised how fast a neighborhood recycling party can fill a dumpster, and raising awareness about environmental conservation is always a good thing. Dumpster.me proudly serves their communities by offering a full line of recycling programs, so please make an effort to call and ask how you can recycle your goods!

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Know Thy Trash

So you gave some old stuff away, you recycled the rest, and you still need to rent a dumpster for waste removal. Great, now it's time to prepare your order. You will find most sales representatives to be extremely knowledgeable and helpful, but they will still need to know specifically what type of waste you are looking to get rid of. Each state has a different list of items that are deemed unsafe for their landfill. Keep this in mind before you throw your fridge, flammable chemicals, auto liquids, or tires into the dumpster...it could end up costing you extra!

Keep these questions in mind before you fill out an order form.

What kind of waste is it?

Most companies will take just about everything, but there are some who only take certain items. Once again, here are the three main categories of waste:

- Construction Waste is, as it sounds, debris from a construction project, such as a remodel or an addition to the house. It pertains to anything used when building a house, such as boards, drywall, nails, plywood, countertops, toilets, windows, and the like.
- Household Materials are the 'sitting in your garage' type of materials. This can be quite a number of things such as boxes, books, couches, mattresses, chairs, lamps, etc.
- Garden debris like branches, clippings, etc. are generally allowed as well.

CHECK WITH YOUR HAULER FOR A LIST OF NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS.
Where will the dumpster be placed?

Knowing the area you are intending to place the dumpster will save you (and the driver) valuable time. By this time, you should know what size dumpster you'll need, so go out and make sure there's plenty of space. A good rule of thumb for this is to measure twice the width and height of the dumpster you intend to rent or purchase, plus an extra 10' in the rear of the area if you are ordering a commercial model.

If you're planning to put the dumpster in your driveway: make sure your car is moved before it arrives. It seems like a no-brainer, but, taking these steps will save you from inconvenience later. Also, consider alerting any family members who may need to remove their cars from the garage. You're welcome.

A full roll off dumpster can be very heavy depending on its size and the type of materials placed inside the container. It's highly recommended that you take action to prevent potential damage to your driveway by placing a 4' x 8' sheet of plywood on the spot where the container will be placed. The waste company can't be held liable for any damages the dumpster may cause, so take the necessary precautions before it arrives.

If you're placing the dumpster on your street, a permit may be required. You should check with your local municipality or HOA (Home Owners Association) for specific rules and regulations.

When will you need the dumpster?

Timing is everything in a job well done. The best laid remodel plans in the world can be brought to a halt when an anticipated disposal unit hasn't shown up yet. While some companies can get a dumpster to you as soon as the next day, it's still wise to schedule a drop off for the day before you need it in order to ensure the dumpster is in place on time. Check your calendar, have a specific drop off date and time in mind, and ask your representative if someone needs to be present to sign for the delivery and/or removal.

How much will it cost?

Don't go running off now - you're so close to the big order! When it comes to talking about cost, there are simple guidelines to help you make an informed decision. It's recommended that, when researching your options, you find a dumpster rental company with a flat rate cost for the entire service (excluding extra hauls or overweight charges, or removal of special items). Finding a proven company with a flat rate will help your bottom line and will keep you from spending too much on the back end of your project. Some extra costs that might come up would be charges for cancellations, time extensions, specific item pickups, or overloaded and overfilled dumpsters (your items shouldn't go above the top of the unit).

Shamelessly, we would ask you to consider Dumpster.me and its partners for any of your future dumpster needs. They have a lot of experience and work with integrity and honesty to ensure your project goes smoothly. Plus, they're friendly, which is an added bonus. Who doesn't love excellent customer service?!
Make The Call

So, there you have it... you now have the tools you need to make a good decision about renting a dumpster. By now, you should be feeling a lot more prepared. We've talked about the types and sizes of dumpsters that are available, how to identify which one you need, and even how to make responsible choices for recycling some items. It's really not that difficult, or costly, to make wise decision about waste removal.

Whenever you're ready to order, you can call a local company or, in many cases, even order a dumpster online! If you choose the online ordering option, you will most likely get a return call the next day from a knowledgable representative to talk with you about the fine print.

In conclusion, whether you're starting a bathroom remodel, or just want your business to run more smoothly, renting a dumpster is simple, clear, and easily within your reach.

Go ahead...get started now!

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