Swindon Borough Council
CONDITIONS FOR THE PLACING OF SKIPS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY SECTIONS 139 AND 140 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

GENERAL

1. A skip shall not be placed on the highway without the prior approval in writing of the Highway Authority.
2. A non-refundable payment is made to cover the administrative costs in processing the licence, this fee is the application fee including one-week occupation of the highway and will need to be paid before the skip licence is granted (see website for current charges).
3. The skip owner shall allow at least 5 clear working days between the date of the receipt of application for a licence to place a skip on the highway and the date on which the licence is intended to commence. Unless stated on the original application a licence will not be granted for a period greater than 21 days. If a period greater than 21 days is required the applicant must re-apply for a new license within the timeframes stated for processing the applications. You will be charged the same fee for a resubmission as it is for a new license.
4. The skip owner undertakes to indemnify the Highway Authority against any claims arising out of or by reason of anything done or omitted to be done in respect of the siting of the skip pursuant to this application. For this purpose, an insurance policy will be maintained by the skip owner to cover any liability up to £10,000,000 for any such claim and to produce the policy to the Highway Authority upon demand together with the receipt for the last premium.

SPECIFICATION OF SKIPS

5. The skip shall not exceed 5 metres in length and 2 metres in width.
6. The skip shall be clearly and permanently marked on one of the longer sides (not the end) with the owner's name and address or telephone number.
7. The ends of the skips shall be painted yellow and there shall be attached vertically along the outside edge of each end so as to be visible to traffic, a strip of material the composition of which complies with the Builders Skips (Markings) Regulations 1984 (Sl 1984 No 1933) in having broad red fluorescent and yellow reflecting diagonal stripes. The painting and the strip of material shall at all times be kept clean.

POSITION OF SKIPS

8. A skip shall not be placed on the highway so as to impede the surface water drainage of the highway or to obstruct access to other premises, fire hydrants, gullies, manholes or any apparatus belonging to a utility company or to the Highway Authority.
9. Any skip on the carriageway shall be positioned with its longer side parallel to and as near to the edge of the carriageway as possible.
10. A skip shall be clearly visible to traffic approaching from either side at a distance of not less than 75 metres and should not be placed within 20 metres of a road junction.
11. A skip shall not partly or wholly obstruct a footway without the permission of the Highway Authority. If such permission has been granted, a 1.5-metre-wide pedestrian walkway must be barriered off to segregate pedestrians from traffic and the walkway must be lamped at night.
12. Where more than one skip is placed upon the highway at the same time, the skips shall be positioned as close to each other as possible so that the distance between adjacent skips does not exceed 2 metres.

LIGHTING AND CONING OF SKIPS

13. A skip on the carriageway shall be protected by four cones positioned to form a taper on the approaching traffic side commencing 2.5m from the skip.
14. During the hours of darkness an amber lamp shall be attached at each corner of the skip and

when the skip has been placed on the carriageway, lamps must be placed between the traffic cones. (Each lamp should have an illuminative power of not less than 1 candela and must remain lit throughout the night.)

CONTENTS OF SKIPS

15. No skip shall contain any inflammable, explosive, noxious or dangerous material which is likely to putrefy or become a nuisance to the users of the highway and the contents of the skip must be kept damp to prevent nuisance from dust.
16. No skip shall be used in such a way that any of the contents fall on to the highway.

REMOVAL OF SKIPS

17. No skips shall remain on the highway after the expiry of the licence. If an extension of the licence is required you must re apply for a new license and pay the fees as if you were applying for a new license (see website for current charges).
18. Any skip shall be removed as soon as possible and, in any case, not later than 2 working days after
it has been filled.
19. A skip shall be removed or repositioned if required by the Police or the Highway Authority.
20. A skip owner placing a skip on the highway is responsible for the removal and proper disposal of the materials placed in the skip irrespective of who has used the skip.
21. On the expiry of the licence, the highway where the skip has been positioned must be left in a clean and tidy condition and any damage to the highway repaired to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority.
22. If a skip is found on the highway after expiry of the licence, we will ask you to remove the skip and a charge will apply for not holding a valid licence (see website for current charges).