Vale of Glamorgan Council

Builders Skip on Highway

Terms & Conditions

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1. Each skip shall be clearly marked with the owner's name and 24 hour telephone number.

2. Each skip will be deposited on the carriageway/verge outside or adjacent to the location applied for, with adequate protection provided to verges and road surfaces and shall be positioned so that it's longer sides are parallel to the edge of the carriageway and as near to the edge of the carriageway as is reasonably practicable but ensuring it does not impede the surface water drainage of the highway nor obstruct access to any manhole or any apparatus of any statutory undertaker of The Vale of Glamorgan Council.

3. Where more than one skip is on the highway at one time, the skips shall be positioned as closely as possible to each to, but not as to obstruct access to any premises unless prior approval has been obtained.

4. Each skip shall not exceed 5 metres in length and by 2 metres in width.

5. Each skip or group of skips placed on the highway shall comply with the following requirements;

    a. Both ends of each skip shall be painted yellow and there shall be attached below and access the top edge of each end so as to be visible to traffic, strips of material the composition of which complies with Builders skip regulations 1984 in having red florescent and yellow reflecting diagonal stripes. The painting and the stripes of the material shall be at all times being kept clean and not obstructed by tarpaulins or any forms of sheeting.

    b. When a skip is placed on the carriageway it shall be guarded by at least 3 traffic cones placed on the carriageway in an oblique line on the approach side of the skip. Where 2 or more skips are deposited in a row so that the distance between adjacent skips does not exceed 2 metres the row shall be guarded as if it were one skip.

    c. At night (that is to say, between half-an-hour before sunset and half-an-hour after sunrise)

        i. A yellow battery-operated lamp shall be placed against or attached to each corner of the skip, or at the end corners of a row or skips where 3 or more skips are to be deposited in a row and the distance between adjacent skips does not exceed 2 metres.

        ii. When a skip is placed in a carriageway lamps shall be placed as in 5c) i) above and shall also be placed between each of the cones referred to in paragraph 5b) above. Each lamp shall have an illuminative power of not less than one candela and shall remain lit throughout the night.

6. No skip when standing in the highway shall contain any flammable, explosive, noxious or dangerous material which is likely to putrefy and which otherwise is, or likely to become, a nuisance to users of the highway.

7. No skip shall be used in such a way that any of its contents fall onto the highway, or that there is an escape of dust from the contents.

8. Each skip shall be removed for emptying as soon as practicable or when full. All waste must be contained with debris netting to prevent discharge of waste on to the highway whilst in removal.

9. No skip shall remain on the highway pursuant to this permission after the permit has expired

10. Skips cannot be used for registered businesses to dispose of their waste at a domestic address.

11. All applications are to be made via our online service request form and payment is to be made in full once approved via our secure payment link which will be emailed to you.

https://valeofglamorgancouncil-customerportal.achieveservice.com/en/service/highway_licenses

Please contact skipsscaffolding@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk if there are any issues with application.

12. The Council will not process any new skip applications where a provider owes the Council for any outstanding debt

13. Any approved applications will only be refunded if a request is made before the start date of the permit then a refund for the appropriate amount may be issued, however If a request is received after the start date of the permit then a refund will **not** be issued

Penalty for non-observance

Any action taken by The Vale of Glamorgan Council to remedy a breach of these conditions, or to repair any damage, the full costs shall be recovered from the License Holder.

- If you fail to comply to these Terms and Conditions and all relevant legislation you will be liable to enforcement action which includes Fixed Penalty Notice **Part IX of the Highways Act 1980 for Obstruction of a Highway.**
- Section 139 Control of builders' skip (Penalty for skip deposited on a Highway without the permission of the Highway Authority/The conditions subject to which that permission was granted is complied with) £100.00 Fixed penalty notice.
- Section 137 (Penalty for wilful obstruction) £100.00 Fixed penalty notice
- Section 149 Removal of things so deposited on Highways as to be a nuisance etc. (Power for removal and recovery of costs)
- **Section 34 of the Environmental protection act 1990 for duty of care**
- It shall be the duty of any person who imports, produces, carries, keeps, treats or disposes of controlled waste or, as a broker, has control of such waste, to take all such measures applicable to him in that capacity as are reasonable in the circumstances
- £300 Fixed penalty notices for certain offences under section 34**;** failure to comply with a duty to furnish documents to that authority imposed under regulations made at any time under section 34

Legal Indemnity

The License Holder shall indemnify, and keep indemnified, The Vale of Glamorgan Council and/or it's servants and agents against any liability, from all claims, demands, actions, costs and damages arising out of by or in consequence of the depositing of skips on the carriageway, footway, or grass verge. The period of indemnity is to run from the commencement of the deposition until the final removal of the skips. The sum covered by the policy to be £5,000,000 for any one event with a reputable insurer. Whenever required the Licensee shall produce to the Authority the policy, or policies of insurance and the receipts for payment of the current policy.