



## Events Waste Services Frequently Asked Questions

### **What if our event is to be held on private property?**

[The Integrated Waste Management By-law](#) applies to any sporting, entertainment, cultural or religious event that is to take place on private or public property, including sports stadia and conference centres.

### **Who will arrange the clean-up for the event?**

The responsibility is placed squarely on the shoulders of the organisation or management of the event.

### **Who should we speak to at City?**

You should talk to the [Waste Management Officer](#).

The organisers of public events must submit an integrated waste management plan for the storage, collection, recycling and disposal of waste during and after the event at least five working days before the event.

[The integrated waste management plan](#) must include detailed costing information. A refundable deposit will be required.

An accredited service provider must be contracted to transport the event waste to a licensed waste disposal facility and must provide proof of this to the City.

Find out more about accredited waste service providers for [commercial](#) and [residential](#) waste.

### **Can we use glass containers?**

If the event is to be held in a public area, the use, sale or distribution of glass or similar containers is prohibited.

The waste management officer can give prior consent provided adequate provisions are in place to reduce the likelihood of injury from broken glass.

### **What happens if event organisers don't obey the [Integrated Waste Management By-law](#)?**

Should the owners and organisers fail or neglect to provide the City with an integrated waste management plan or fail to secure the services of an accredited service provider prior to the event, the Waste Management Officer may arrange for the collection, clean up, recycling and disposal of the waste.

Similarly if any waste is left at the area where the event was held or the surrounding area as a result of the event, the Waste Management Officer may also make the necessary arrangements. All the costs for the disposal of the waste are payable by the event organiser and will be deducted from the deposit lodged or recovered from the organisers.

**How does the Waste Management Officer assess and document waste offences?**

- The Waste Management Officer may call (in writing) for a report in respect of the impact of waste in a specified form as stipulated in the City's guidelines.
- If the report is not submitted within the period specified, the Waste Management Officer may appoint an independent person to compile the report and recover the related costs from the person required to submit it.
- The Waste Management Officer may also call for an independent report if it is suspected that: The person has previously contravened the Integrated Waste Management By-law to the detriment of the environment, health or social conditions, the economy, the ecology or any cultural heritage.
- Or, if the person has not complied with a license issued in terms of provincial or national legislation, the Waste Management Officer will then direct the person who failed to comply with the Integrated Waste Management By-law to remedy the situation as recommended in the report.
- If necessary the City will take the necessary action and the person who contravened the Integrated Waste Management By-law is liable for all those costs as well.

**What are the new fines and penalties?**

Admission-of-guilt fines range from R500 to R2 500.

If the matter goes to court, the penalty could be R10 000 or higher, and could include imprisonment.

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**ADMISSION OF GUILT FINES**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>FINE</b>
Section 15(1)	Littering or dumping under 1m <sup>3</sup>	R500
	Littering or dumping over 1m <sup>3</sup> to 3m <sup>3</sup>	R1000
	littering or dumping over 3m <sup>3</sup> to 5m <sup>3</sup>	R1500
	Littering or dumping over 5m <sup>3</sup> to 7m <sup>3</sup>	R2000
	litter or dumping over 7m <sup>3</sup> to 8m <sup>3</sup>	R2 500
Section 12(b)	Conveying of an uncovered load which results in spillage of load— Spillage under 1m <sup>3</sup>	R500
	Spillage over 1m <sup>3</sup> to 3m <sup>3</sup>	R1000
	Spillage over 3m <sup>3</sup> to 5m <sup>3</sup>	R1500
	Spillage over 5m <sup>3</sup> to 7m <sup>3</sup>	R2000
	Spillage over 7m <sup>3</sup> to 8m <sup>3</sup>	R2500
	Conveying of an unsecured load which results in spillage of load— Spillage under 1m <sup>3</sup>	R500
	Spillage over 1m <sup>3</sup> to 3m <sup>3</sup>	R1000
	Spillage over 3m <sup>3</sup> to 5m <sup>3</sup>	R1500
	Spillage over 5m <sup>3</sup> to 7m <sup>3</sup>	R2000
	Spillage over 7m <sup>3</sup> to 8m <sup>3</sup>	R2500

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**What if I cannot comply with the Waste Management Officer's directives?**

If an integrated waste management plan is rejected or not submitted at all, the Waste Management Officer will give directives about the measures that must be taken and by when.

If the waste generator still does not comply the City can carry out the necessary measures and recover the costs from the waste generator.