



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION  
Based on the 2011 LACBC**

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## **REDUCED WASTE STORAGE AREAS**

Waste storage areas and the safe handling and collection of waste are regulated by the California Code of Regulations (Title 14, Division 7, Section 17313) and by the California Public Resources Code (Section 42911). The general requirement for industrial, commercial and institutional facilities is to provide ten square feet of waste storage area for each 1000 square feet of net building floor area. Additionally, at least 50% of the total waste storage area shall be used for the collection and removal of recyclable materials.

The one percent of floor area requirement can result in a significant area for waste storage for large facilities. The owner/developer may propose a reduced waste storage area as an alternate to the general area requirement. The following factors may be considered for reduced waste storage area:

1. The anticipated type and volume of waste to be stored and collected based upon the specific operations of the tenant.
2. Increased frequency of trash collection.
3. Use of trash compactors.

In cases where the requirements of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations cannot be met, the developer shall prepare a letter or building plans with notation stating which of the above mentioned factors or combination of factors will be used to manage waste in a reduced waste storage area and submit it to Environmental Programs Division for their review and approval prior to issuance of any building permits. The Plan Check Engineer shall place the approved letter in the job jacket or make the approved building plans part of the District Set once the permit is issued.

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