



CRANBROOK FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Refuse/Garbage Containers

Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services has noted a number of incidents in which commercial or communal garbage containers have been placed in close proximity to buildings, thereby creating a potential fire hazard. The containers of concern contravene City of Cranbrook Fire Services Bylaw #3676 which states, "All commercial and communal garbage containers larger than a 90 liter (20 gallon) capacity shall be stored in a location which is no less than 5 meters (16 feet) from any combustible construction or materials or unprotected building openings. Where the foregoing clearances cannot be met, a non-combustible container with non-combustible self-closing lids and no hold open devices may be used, provided that the container is placed in a location that is approved by the Director of Fire & Emergency Services, and which is no less than 1 meter (3 feet) from any combustible construction or materials or any unprotected building openings."

This advisory is intended to assist owners in complying with this bylaw requirement. Ongoing failure to comply may result in a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense and \$300.00 for subsequent violations. Further, fire loss, which results from non-conformance of regulations or bylaws, may have insurance implications which may affect recovery for a fire loss.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact CF&ES at (250) 426-2325.