Recycling Container Guidelines

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A. Summary

The following guidelines were jointly prepared by UC Davis Fire Prevention Services and Project Recycle in an effort to assist in the proper placement of containers used for recycling.

B. Placement of Recycling Containers in Facilities

1. The location of the container must not reduce the required exit width nor create an exiting obstruction. Placing the containers in alcoves is an acceptable method; however, Fire Prevention Services must approve each corridor location.

2. Containers must be emptied regularly to prevent overflow. If overflow occurs, additional containers may be needed, or the containers relocated outside the corridor environment.

3. The use of Rubbermaid or any other brand of plastic containers for recycling paper, cans, bottles, or trash is permitted under desks in an office setting, or in a large modular furniture environment.

4. A capacity of 32 gallons must not be exceeded within any 64 square foot area.

5. Mobile Recycling containers with capacities greater than 32 gallons may be located in a room protected as a hazardous area (walls fire rated to one hour) when not attended.

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