

Container Usage Survey

User Please complete the following STEPS 1-7 for each container on your property.

Instructions Use a separate Survey Form for each container.

Step

1. Circle trash, cardboard or paper to indicate the waste stream being surveyed.
2. Indicate **Site Name** and **exact location** of the container being surveyed.
3. Please enter the date and time of the observation in the date column.
4. Observe the volume of material in the container and enter the approximate fullness in the How Full column 3 (i.e. 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%).
5. Please enter the estimated “breakdown” of trash, paper, cardboard and unauthorized public use (i.e. 25% trash, 50% cardboard, 25% unauthorized).
6. Use the comments area to describe any unauthorized use or any relative comments to your observations.
7. Use the same survey form each day for the same container previously surveyed.

Please circle container being surveyed: **Trash** **Cardboard** **Paper**

Site Name: **Nursing Home Example**

Exact container location: **Back of building – 8 cubic yard dumpster size – 6x week p/u**

Pickup Day	Percentage Full	Date and Time of Observation	Breakdown of Materials
Example Day	70%	8/5/10 6:30 p.m.	50% trash, 30% cardboard 20% paper 0% glass 0% plastic
Monday	120% 9.6 yards	8/30/10 6:30am	80% trash – 7.68 yards 20% cardboard – 1.92 yards
Tuesday	50% 4 yards	8/31/10 6:30am	80% trash – 3.2 yards 20% cardboard – .80 yards
Wednesday	75% 6 yards	9/1/10 6:30am	80% trash – 4.8 yards 20% cardboard – 1.2 yards
Thursday	50% 4 yards	9/2/10 6:30am	80% trash – 3.2 yards 20% cardboard – .80 yards
Friday	75% 6 yards	9/3/10 6:30am	80% trash – 4.8 yards 20% cardboard – 1.2 yards
Saturday	110% 8.8 yards	9/4/10 6:30am	80% trash – 7.04 yards 20% cardboard – 1.76 yards

Comments: Confirmed with Maint. Mgr that this was a typical week of waste generation. Confirmed that dumpster is emptied 6x per week – Monday thru Saturday. Confirmed that cardboard boxes were separated and placed into the dumpster. Other waste materials were bagged and classified as trash. All survey percentages were conservatively estimated each day – Overall average for the week was 80% full – 20% of that capacity used was cardboard boxes and 80% of that capacity used was trash.