

GUIDELINES FOR REFUSE STORAGE AREAS

All risk businesses i.e. **medical waste**, and all **food premises** shall be provided with adequate refuse storage areas or rooms, where the refuse is stored in such a manner that it does not create a health nuisance.

- The refuse storage area must be large enough to store all refuse produced on the premises, including all material intended for recycling.
- Unrestricted space shall be provided and provisions must be made for easy manoeuvring of wheeled refuse containers.
- With regard to blocks of flats and townhouses, one wheeled refuse receptacle is required for two flats.
- A minimum of **25-litres** of storage capacity per person working or living in the premises is to be provided.
- A general guideline is that the refuse storage area must have room for future expansion.
- All refuse receptacles must be supplied with close fitting lids or covers, to prevent the ingress of flies, rodents or any other vermin, and to retain any refuse odours within the refuse receptacle.
- All refuse receptacles shall be cleaned on a regular basis and shall be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.

A refuse room shall be constructed: -

- Of **brick or similar** material with the internal walls **cement-plastered** to a smooth surface and painted in a **light coloured paint**.
- The floor shall be of **concrete**, cement rendered to a smooth finish, and rounded to a height of **75 mm** around the perimeter.
- There shall be no ledges at the junction of the floor and the walls.
- The floor shall be graded and drained to a **100 mm floor trap** discharging to an outside gully, which in turn shall be connected to a sewer.
- The room shall not have a floor to ceiling height of **less than 2,6 m**.
- The room shall be **adequately ventilated** to the outside air by means of louvers.
- The room shall be provided with a **solid door**, which shall be fitted with an effective **self-closing device** and shall have the **lower 150 mm** protected by sheet metal on the outside surface.
- No such door or louver shall be **less than 3 m** from any door or window of any occupied habitable room.