

**Explanation:** This Ordinance amends Chapter 309 titled "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough by adding a new Article V titled "Refuse Containers/Dumpsters."

**ORDINANCE 2009-37**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 309 TITLED  
"GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE V  
TITLED "REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS."**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 309 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough shall be amended by adding a new Article V titled "Refuse Containers/Dumpsters" as follows:

**ARTICLE V  
REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS**

**309-25. Purpose:**

The purpose of this Article is to require dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Hillsborough and/or the waters of the State so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**309-26. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural

number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Township of Hillsborough or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

c. Refuse container – any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.

d. Stormwater – means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

e. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

**309-27. Prohibited Conduct:**

Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.

Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Hillsborough.

**309-28. Exceptions to Prohibition:**

- a. Permitted temporary demolition containers.
- b. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers).
- c. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers.

d. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems permit.

e. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup).

**309-29. Enforcement:**

This Article shall be enforced by the Health Officer of the Township of Hillsborough.

**309-30. Penalties:**

Any person who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**309-31. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Article is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Article to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Article.

**309-32. Effective date:**

This Article shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

**ATTEST:**

**HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kevin P. Davis, Clerk**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Frank DelCore, Mayor**

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