

Section 1. Yakima County  
Code Section 6.02.030 and  
all Ordinances amending  
said section are hereby  
amended as follows:

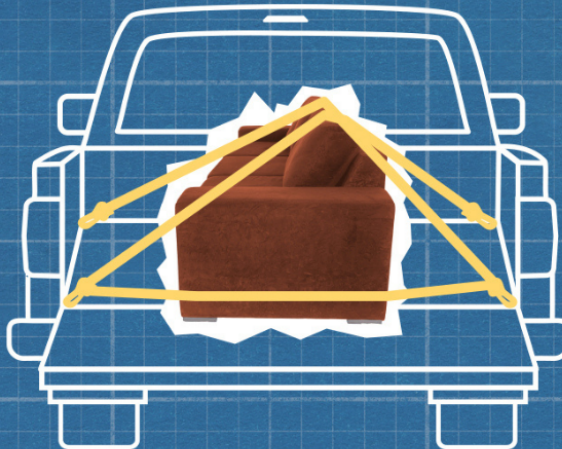
## Yakima County Ordinance 4-2005

“Unsecured Load” means a shipment of solid waste in or on a vehicle that is not covered with a tarp, inside an enclosed vehicle or otherwise secured or tied down by safety chains or other fastening devices in a manner that will prevent materials from spilling, escaping, falling or being blown or deposited outside the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion. For purposes of this definition, solid waste contained in trash bags that are **not** covered with a tarp, inside an enclosed vehicle or otherwise secured down is an unsecured load.

Board of Yakima County Commissioners



Unsecured loads create litter  
and can cause accidents and  
injuries to motorists. Even if  
you're going a short distance  
and not driving on the  
highway, you are required by  
law to secure your load.



# Secure Your Load



Yakima County Solid  
Waste Division

# Good Load



Tie down with rope, bungee cords, netting or straps. Tie items directly to your vehicle including large items like appliances and garbage cans. You can also cover your load with a sturdy plastic tarp and ropes. A tarp by itself will not secure your load. Think about what would happen to your load if you had to stop suddenly or swerve. Put lighter weight things at the bottom of the load and don't overload your truck bed.

## Yakima County Unsecured Load Fees

1-3 yards      \$12

Over 3 yards    \$24

*Unsecured loads cause 300 car crashes a year in our state and contribute up to 40% of roadside litter.*



**Secure Your Load  
for Safer Roads**

# Bad Load



If your load is NOT inside a vehicle, covered with a tarp and/or tied down with ropes, straps or a net, you have an UNSECURED LOAD. Garbage in bags without ropes attached to your vehicle is still considered to be UNSECURED. Yakima County employees are required to issue you an unsecured load fine.