

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.

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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.*

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.



Secure Your Load
for Safer Roads