



## How Carlsbad Businesses Can Avoid Overage Fees



### What you need to know about overages

Waste overages in your commercial dumpster or cart could make your waste service inefficient and costly.

Your dumpster size represents the volume of waste that the Republic Services trucks can safely collect and haul from your dumpster. An overage charge is only added to your invoice if your dumpster is overfilled.

Overloaded dumpsters and carts increase the likelihood of spillage on service and decrease the efficiency of the collection vehicles leading to more trips to Palomar Transfer Station.

## Dumpster Overage Fees

Republic Services has started to enforce overage fees on commercial dumpsters and carts. An overage means the lids do not properly close and the contents of the dumpster exceed the size of the dumpster.

The approximate charge for an overage is \$68.64 per occurrence. This fee will be part of your invoice. The local team will contact you with pictures and more information for any overage that occurs.

### **Carlsbad businesses can avoid overage fees by following these best practices:**

- Do not overfill your dumpster.
- Ensure the lids on your dumpster are closed properly, and no waste or debris is spilling over.
- Make sure there is no trash on the ground or beside your dumpster.
- Ensure that boxes are broken down in the recycling dumpster.
- If you regularly incur overage charges, you may contact your local Republic Services representative and request a review of your account for services optimization.
- Increasing your dumpster size or service frequency is the best way to avoid overage charges.

If you follow these guidelines, dealing with consistent overages fees can become a thing of the past. This will save you money and time with your recycling and trash pickup.

Please contact [CarlsbadRecycling@RepublicServices.com](mailto:CarlsbadRecycling@RepublicServices.com) for more.