OTTAWA CONSTRUCTION BINS

Booking & Quotes

Comparing Ottawa bin quotes: the pricing model, days and tonnes included, refused items, who applies for a street permit, and what a bin company's permissions are

9 Expert Answers from Bin IQ

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Q1

How do I spot a fake Ottawa bin rental website?

This question is about identifying fraudulent websites, which sits outside what this site covers: bin sizes, placement rules, pricing, what can go in, and booking terms for Ottawa bin rentals.

A one-line pointer is the most this site can offer on fraud detection: the Ontario government's consumer protection resources at ontario.ca cover how to check a business before paying.

For the bin-rental side of your project, the question worth asking before you pay anything is what the cancellation terms are in writing, because under Ontario's Consumer Protection Act, 2002, the rules on cancellation depend on how the agreement was formed, and a company that will not put those terms in writing before you pay is worth pausing on.

Local bin rental companies listed in the Ottawa Construction Network directory reply by email when you submit a request through the form on this page.

Q2

How fast can I get a bin delivered in Ottawa in spring?

Spring is a busy season for bin rentals in Ottawa, and delivery timing depends on two things: whether the bin goes on your driveway or on the street, and how quickly the company you book with can schedule a drop.

For a bin on your driveway or entirely on private property, the timing is between you and the company. We found no City rule that sets a minimum lead time for a bin on private land, so ask each company how far ahead they book in spring and what their current wait looks like.

For a bin on the road, boulevard, sidewalk or a public laneway, the City's Temporary Construction-related Encroachment (TCE) permit applies, and the City requires a minimum of 10 business days processing time. If a parking space has to be removed to place the bin, a minimum of four business days notice is required as a separate step. Neither of those clocks starts until the application, sketch and non-refundable fee reach the City's ROW Permit Office. A bin cannot go on the street the same day you decide you want one there.

A few things to sort out before you book:

- Confirm whether the bin will sit entirely on your property. The City's right-of-way includes the boulevard beside your property and can extend to the end of your driveway near the street. Check geoOttawa or ask the City's

ROW Permit Office where your property line sits.

- Ask the company how far in advance they are booking deliveries right now, and get a confirmed delivery date in writing.
- Agree in writing who applies for the TCE permit if the bin goes on City land. The City accepts applications from residents, contractors or construction companies.
- Ask for the cancellation terms in writing before you pay anything.

The single most useful question to put to a company before you commit: what is the earliest confirmed delivery date you can put in writing for my address, and what happens to my booking if that date changes?
Local bin rental companies listed in the Ottawa Construction Network directory can receive your request through the form on this page and reply by email.

Q3

Is a junk removal company in Ottawa the same as a bin company?

No. With a bin rental, the company drops off an empty bin, you load it yourself over the days you have it, and the company picks it up. Junk removal, where someone else loads and hauls for you, is a different service, and this site does not cover it.

What this site does cover is the bin side, and loading it yourself brings a few rules with it:

- What goes in is the company's rule as well as the City's. The City landfill does not accept asbestos, commercial garbage, liquid waste or hazardous waste, and Ottawa bin companies keep their own lists of refused and surcharged items, such as tires, batteries, paint and propane tanks.
- A common company rule is to load level with the top edge, with nothing hanging over the sides.
- Heavy material such as soil, concrete and brick usually needs a small or dedicated bin, billed by weight.
- Where the bin sits matters. On the road, boulevard, sidewalk or a public laneway, it needs the City's Temporary Construction-related Encroachment (TCE) permit.

Asbestos is never a bin job; removal and disposal are covered at ottawaabatement.com.
Some businesses in the Ottawa Construction Network directory list more than one service, so when a company replies to a bin request, check that the reply is for a bin rental: the size, the days and tonnes included, and the pricing model.

If you still want a bin, get the company's refused-items list in writing before you start loading.

Q4

How do I compare two Ottawa bin quotes with different pricing models?

Keep each quote in its own model and compare what each company says your job will cost. The two models published by Ottawa bin companies, seen October 2026, measure different things, so their headline numbers cannot be lined up against each other:

- Bin fee plus weight: about $200 to $350 for delivery, pickup and about a week, plus disposal at about $150 to $160 per tonne.
- All-in: about $460 to $540 plus tax for a 14 to 20 yard bin for about a week, with 1 to 2 tonnes included.

  For 30 and 40 yard bins we found too few comparable published prices for a range.

  The way to compare them is to give both companies the same job. Estimate the days you need the bin and describe what is going in, then ask each company for its price for that job in its own model, with these written into the quote:

- the days included, and the price of each extra day (about $15 to $35 on the pages we saw)
- the tonnes included, if any, and the rate for each tonne beyond them
- any fuel or environmental surcharge, which some companies add
- the refused and surcharged items

Heavy material such as soil, concrete and brick usually needs a small or dedicated bin, billed by weight, so if your load includes it, ask each company which bin it would use.
If the bin will sit on the road, boulevard, sidewalk or a public laneway, the City's TCE permit fees are separate from both models; ask each company whether its price includes them and who applies.

Once both companies have priced the same job in writing, the comparison is between those two written totals.

Q5

Do bin rental companies need a City of Ottawa business licence?

No: there is no bin-rental, disposal-bin or waste-hauler category on the City of Ottawa's list of businesses that require a municipal licence. We found no City rule requiring bin rental companies to hold a municipal business licence.

That does not mean companies operate without any permissions. Ontario's waste transportation rules say that unless exempt, environmental permissions for waste transportation systems may include an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) or a registration in the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR), and construction debris is waste under those rules. Whether a particular company holds an ECA, an EASR registration or qualifies for an exemption is something this site does not check and does not verify for any company in the Ottawa Construction Network directory.

What this means for you: ask any company that replies to your request whether it holds an ECA or an EASR registration for the waste it will be hauling. The Ontario government's waste transportation permissions page describes what those permissions cover. The City's list of licensed businesses does include a Salvage Yard category, but we found no bin-rental or hauler category on that list.

A few other things worth confirming in writing before you commit: what the company's cancellation terms are, how and when your card is charged, and what the refused or surcharged items are for your load. Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2002, a future performance agreement over the prescribed amount must be in writing, and you have up to one year to cancel if you do not receive a copy that meets the Act's requirements.

Q6

Does a waste hauler need provincial approval in Ontario?

Ontario says that, unless exempt, environmental permissions for waste transportation systems may include an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) or registration in the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). That is the wording on the Ontario government's page on environmental permissions for waste transportation systems, and construction debris is waste.

The same page sets out the difference. EASR registration applies where only waste transportation vehicles are used and the work includes only the collection, handling, transportation or transfer of EASR waste. An ECA is needed for more than that, and for waste mixed with asbestos. Existing ECA holders whose systems are prescribed must register in the EASR by August 1, 2028.

At the City level, the City of Ottawa's list of businesses that require a municipal licence has no bin-rental, disposal-bin or waste-hauler category. So the permission that matters for a bin company is provincial, not municipal.

This site does not check any company's ECA, EASR registration or other permissions, and it says nothing about whether a given company holds one. If it matters to you, ask the company directly whether it holds an ECA or an EASR registration for the waste your project produces.

Asbestos is its own case. Ontario's Reg. 347, s.17 allows asbestos waste to travel only in a rigid, impermeable, sealed container, or in bulk under an approval that specifically allows it, and never with other cargo. It never goes in an ordinary bin; removal and disposal are covered at ottawaabatement.com.

Put your permission question to the company in writing with the quote, and keep its answer with the agreement.

Q7

What should a written bin rental quote in Ottawa list?

A written quote is the document you compare companies with and check the final invoice against. Before you confirm anything, make sure it spells out each of the following.

What a bin rental quote should cover

Pricing model and base fee. The quote should name which model applies: either a bin fee plus a separate per-tonne disposal charge (published Ottawa bin company prices, October 2026: about $200 to $350 for delivery and pickup, plus about $150 to $160 per tonne), or an all-in price with a set tonnage included (about $460 to $540 plus tax for a 14 to 20 yard bin for about a week, with 1 to 2 tonnes included). These two models cannot be compared directly, so confirm which one you are being quoted.

The bin itself. Outside dimensions (length, width, height), the nominal yard size, and the rental period in days. Sizes vary by company, so get the actual measurements in writing rather than relying on the yard number alone.

What happens when the rental runs long or the load is heavy. Ask for the extra-day rate (published prices: about $15 to $35 per day), the per-tonne rate if you are on the bin-fee model, and what the company does if the bin goes over the included tonnage on an all-in quote.

Refused and surcharged items. Companies set their own lists. Ask for the company's full list in writing. Items two or more Ottawa companies refuse or surcharge include tires, batteries, hazardous materials, paint, propane or pressurised tanks, and medical waste; some companies charge per appliance or per mattress.

The street permit, if the bin will sit on City land. A bin on the road, boulevard, sidewalk or public laneway needs the City's Temporary Construction-related Encroachment (TCE) permit. The City accepts applications from residents, contractors or construction companies, so agree in writing with the bin company on who applies, who pays the permit fee, and whose name goes on it. The City requires a minimum of 10 business days to process the application, so this needs to be settled before you set a drop-off date.

Cancellation terms. Under the Ontario Consumer Protection Act, 2002, a future performance agreement over $50 must be in writing, and you may cancel within one year if you do not receive a copy that meets the Act's requirements. Ask for the cancellation terms in the quote itself, and ask how and when your card is charged.

Any surcharges. Some companies add a fuel or environmental surcharge, and some add a winter scrape fee for frozen loads. Ask whether either applies to your job.

Before you confirm the drop-off date, settle in writing exactly where the bin will sit, because the answer determines whether a TCE permit is needed and how much lead time you have.

Q8

How do I find a bin rental company that serves Stittsville?

Stittsville is in the City of Ottawa, and this site's request form covers it. You can send one request through the form on this page; bin rental companies listed in the Ottawa Construction Network directory reply by email. We do not check those companies, so the questions below are yours to ask.

The first one is simple: does the company deliver to your address in Stittsville, and which bin sizes can it bring? Then settle where the bin will sit. On your driveway, ask the company whether it puts boards or planks under the bin and who pays for any damage. On the road, boulevard, sidewalk or a public laneway, the bin needs the City's Temporary Construction-related Encroachment (TCE) permit, so agree in writing who applies for it.

For the price, ask which pricing model the quote uses, bin fee plus weight or all-in with tonnes included, and how many days and tonnes are included. Published prices from Ottawa bin companies, seen October 2026, are on this site's service pages; the two models are not comparable line by line.

Also ask for the company's list of refused and surcharged items in writing. Companies set their own rules on items such as tires, appliances and mattresses, beyond what the City landfill refuses.

When the replies come in, put them side by side: delivery to your address, the bin's outside dimensions, the pricing model, the days and tonnes included, and the refused-items list.

Before you confirm, ask each company what an extra day costs if the project runs long.

Q9

Should an Ottawa bin quote list the dump fees separately?

It depends on the pricing model, and the quote should say which one it uses. Published prices from Ottawa bin companies, seen October 2026, follow two models that are not comparable line by line.

In the bin-fee-plus-weight model, disposal is its own charge. The bin fee runs about $200 to $350 for delivery, pickup and about a week, and disposal is billed at about $150 to $160 per tonne. A quote in this model should name the per-tonne rate, because the final bill moves with the weight of the load.

In the all-in model, disposal is inside the price: about $460 to $540 plus tax for a 14 to 20 yard bin for about a week, with 1 to 2 tonnes included. Here the quote should state how many tonnes are included and the rate for each tonne above that. Heavy material such as soil, concrete and brick usually needs a small or dedicated bin, billed by weight,

so a load like that is where the per-tonne line matters.

Whichever model it is, the written quote should also list:

- the days included and the extra-day price (about $15 to $35 a day on the pages we saw)
- any fuel or environmental surcharge, which some companies add
- the company's refused and surcharged items, since those are company rules
- who applies for the City's TCE permit if the bin will sit on the road or boulevard

Writing it down also matters under Ontario's Consumer Protection Act, 2002: a future performance agreement, where delivery, performance or payment in full is not made when you agree, must be in writing when it is over $50. To compare two quotes, ask each company for a price for the same number of days and the same estimated tonnes, written in its own model.

Disclaimer: This guide is provided for informational purposes only by Ottawa Construction Bins. It does not constitute professional advice. Always consult qualified contractors and your local building authority (the City of Ottawa) before placing a bin. A bin on the road, boulevard, sidewalk or a public laneway needs the City's Temporary Construction-related Encroachment (TCE) permit, and asbestos never goes in an ordinary bin. Information is current as of November 15, 2026 and may change. Visit **ottawaconstructionbins.ca** for the latest answers.