DROP BOX DEBRIS CONTAINER PERMITS ON LA COUNTY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

A drop box debris container is any container of one cubic yard in size or greater placed on or projecting onto any public right-of-way that is used for the collection and temporary holding of construction, demolition and lot clearing debris and waste. Drop box debris container does not include a solid-waste collection container as described in Section 20.72.080.

PUBLIC WORKS FEES

The following fees are based on the 2026-27 fee schedule. Fees are subject to annual increases each fiscal year.

Issuance Fee (16.10.020)	$222
Processing Fee (16.10.155)	$401
Annual Drop Box Container Permit Fee (16.19.050)	$2,594

ANNUAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Drop box debris container companies shall apply for a non-refundable annual encroachment permit to place drop box debris containers in the public right-of-way per Los Angeles County Code 16.19. Each application submitted shall be accompanied by the annual drop box container permit fee (16.19.050) and must provide a general liability insurance, which shall include the County of Los Angeles as an additional insured. Each permittee shall maintain the required insurance during the life of the permit and whenever a drop box debris container is placed on any portion of public right-of-way. Annual encroachment permit may take up to four weeks for processing.

INDIVIDUAL LOCATION PERMIT – ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Property owners or tenants shall apply for an encroachment permit to place drop box debris container in the property public right-of-way within the property frontage limits. Drop box debris container shall not remain at any location on a highway/street for more than seven consecutive days. Public Works can be contacted for an extension if additional time is needed. The applicant shall pay the issuance fee and provide a sketch or site plan with the following information:

1. Placement and removal date of drop box debris container.
2. Name of the street where the drop box debris container is to be placed.
3. Nearest cross street names.

4. Property owner's/tenant's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
5. Dimension to the nearest driveway on either side of the drop box debris container.
6. Dimensions of street widths, parking lane width, and sidewalk width.
7. A north arrow.
8. Existing dimensions of the drop box debris container (width, length, and height).
9. Drop box debris container company name and contact information.

To apply for a Road Encroachment permit, the applicant needs to register and log into EPIC-LA at https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService/#/home. On the Home page, click on the Apply box. In the Search field, type Road Encroachment, click "Apply," and complete the requested information. Encroachment permits may take up to two weeks for processing. Expedited permits may be available on a case-by-case basis.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Permitted drop box debris containers shall be maintained in good condition. The area immediately surrounding the containers shall be maintained in a clear manner free from any trash or harmful material.

2. Three-inch diameter reflectors must be placed on the four corners of each side of a permitted drop box debris containers facing traffic. The reflectors must be clearly seen when illuminated by vehicle headlights.

3. Permitted drop box debris container company's name and telephone number shall be clearly displayed in print at least two inches in height. Advertisement on temporary storage containers is strictly prohibited.

4. Permitted drop box debris container shall not be used for the collection or storage of hazardous materials or hazardous waste.

RESTRICTIONS ON PLACEMENT OF DROP BOX DEBRIS CONTAINERS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street in a way that impairs a motorist's ability to see traffic control devices.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where parking is prohibited.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where the road is less than 15 feet wide.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street with grades in excess of 6%.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street within 15 feet of a crosswalk, street corner, fire hydrant, or curb ramp.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any portion of the sidewalk.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where clear space for the safe passage of pedestrians is reduced to less than three feet in width.
- Permitted drop box debris containers must be placed adjacent to the applicant's property and within the projected limits of the applicant's property lines.
- Permitted drop box debris containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where it will block or unreasonably interfere with access to neighboring property.

DAMAGES TO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Permitted drop box debris container company shall be responsible for any damage to any part of the highway attributable to the placement, use, or removal of the drop box debris containers. The permittee shall repair, restore, or replace any damage to any highway to the satisfaction of Los Angeles County Public Works.