

## Loads That Must Be Secured

Secure the load with enough cargo net, ropes, chains, straps, and/or bungee cords so the load cannot shift, move or fall out.

- Garbage cans must be secured to the vehicle or trailer bed with lids fastened to the container, or they must be covered with a cargo net or tarp.
- Sheets of plywood, OSB, drywall, or sheet metal must be tied down.
- Cardboard boxes must be tied down or covered with a net
- Each large item, such as furniture, appliances, mattresses or box springs, etc., must be tied to the vehicle.
- Yard waste without leaves must be tied down.
- Garbage bags must be completely covered with netting or tarp.
- Liquids, such as motor oil and antifreeze for recycling, must be in closed containers that are tied to the vehicle or packed so that they cannot shift or fall over.

## Loads That Must Be Covered and Secured

Cover the load completely with a tarp. The tarp must be tied to the vehicle to secure the load. A tarp that is open at the back, sides, front or top is not secured.

- Loads with loose plastic bags or paper must be covered with tarp.
- Construction or demolition debris must be covered with a tarp. Covering the load with a sheet of plywood that is secured to the vehicle is acceptable if no part of the load, such as lightweight material, can blow or fall out.
- Roofing materials must be covered with a tarp.
- Lightweight materials like paper, loose plastic bags or containers, buckets etc., must be covered with a tarp.
- Garbage in bags must be covered with a net or tarp.
- Yard waste with leaves or other loose lightweight debris must be covered with a tarp.
- Loose garbage must be covered with a tarp.
- Recyclable materials such as cans, bottles and paper products in open containers must be covered with a tarp.



### Questions?

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## Secure Your Load



Headed for an Environmental Convenience Center (ECC) or the Solid Waste Management Facility? Make sure all your wastes reach its destination. Remember, flying debris is a danger to other motorists and creates unsightly litter on our roadways.

Drivers can be ticketed and fined for **NOT SECURING** their loads. If you are cited for an uncovered load you will have to make a mandatory court appearance and face a base fine of \$200.00.

F.S. 316.520: No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping. Covering and securing the load with a close fitting tarpaulin or appropriate cover is required.

## Examples of Secured Load



Netting, straps, rope, chain and bungee cords can be used to tie each large item to the vehicle. Since there is nothing in the load that can blow out, a cover is not needed.



The cardboard and the garbage can are secured to the truck with bungee cords. The lid is secured to the bottom of the garbage can.

## Examples of Covered and Secured Load



The tarp covers the entire load and is well tied to the vehicle.



The tarp covers the entire load and is well tied to the trailer.

## Examples of Inadequately Secured Loads

Tie downs are missing or inadequate. The vehicles are overloaded. Top, sides and back of the loads are not secure. Debris can fall out of a moving vehicle. These loads should be repacked and covered with a tarp and/or a cargo net. Secure the cover to the vehicle bed.



### Some Questions to Ask Yourself:

1. Is there any chance of debris falling (or blowing) out of my vehicle?
2. Would I feel safe if I were driving behind my vehicle?
3. What would happen to my load if I had to brake suddenly or if I hit a bump?
4. Do I need to drive slower than I normally do?
5. Is my load secured on top, on the sides and in back?
6. Did I double-check my load to make sure it is secured?