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URGENT REQUEST FOR BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS: PLEASE SECURE YOUR DUMPSTERS AND A-FRAME SIGNS

City officials are preparing for protest activities related to the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial in Minnesota, which could be announced at any time.

As you have likely seen with other recent protest activity in Portland, dumpsters have been set afire in many places. In many cases these dumpsters have been close to existing buildings where they pose risks for fires to spread.

Dumpsters can also be used as barricades that can impede the flow of traffic or pose obstacles for emergency responders.

As a precautionary measure, the City of Portland requests commercial building owners and managers to keep dumpsters closed and locked. It is requested that dumpsters be moved indoors or to another secure location if possible.

Also, it is requested that A-frame signs be kept indoors as a precaution against their potential use as projectiles during protest activity.

The City of Portland appreciates your assistance in keeping our community safe. Thank you.

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