

## **GUIDANCE ON CONSTRUCTING GARBAGE BOXES**

A number of calls from residents of Malcolm Island concerned whether constructing boxes to hold garbage at the roadside on the collection day was advisable. The benefits are greater protection from the wind and animals. That being said, interested residents must be knowledgeable regarding the following rules and other considerations:

- Boxes should be large enough to fit the owner's garbage cans. Not using garbage cans encourages rodents and the collectors will not hand load loose garbage.
- The garbage cans should be lined with quality garbage bags as the collectors will not replace the cans back in the box. Good quality garbage bags will be strong enough for the collectors to remove the bag from the can.
- It is advisable that the lid to the box have some means to be held open. A lack of such a mechanism could result in the lid being flipped open completely putting extra wear and tear on the hinges.
- Boxes should be separate from standing bushes or buildings to avoid being misconstrued as being storage for non-garbage materials.

The picture below would be good example of an effective garbage box.

