The following shall be provided:

(1) **Off street unloading facilities.**

(2) **Receiving area.**

Adequate receiving areas shall be provided to accommodate delivery trucks and other vehicles.

(a) The location of the receiving area shall be located to promote safe, secure, and efficient movement of arriving materials without compromising patient areas.

(A) Dock areas shall be segregated from other occupied building areas and located so that noise and odors from operation will not adversely affect building occupants.

(B) The receiving area shall be convenient to service elevators and other internal corridor systems.

(C) Receiving areas shall be segregated from waste staging and other outgoing materials-handling functions.

(b) Space requirements shall be adequate to enable breakdown, sorting, and staging of incoming materials and supplies.

(A) Balers and other devices shall be located to capture packaging for recycling or return to manufacturer or deliverer.

(B) In facilities with centralized warehousing, adequate space shall be provided at receiving points to permit the staging of reusable transport containers for supplies moving from central warehouses to individual receiving sites.

(3) **General Storage Rooms**

General storage rooms or storage system shall be provided to meet hospital needs. They shall generally be concentrated in one area, but, in a multiple building complex, they may be in separate concentrated areas in one or more individual buildings on site. Off-site locations for a portion of this storage shall be permitted. The following shall be provided:

(a) Provisions for protections against inclement weather during transfer of supplies.
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<td>(b) General storage room(s) with a total area of not less than 20 square feet per inpatient bed shall be provided.</td>
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<td>(c) Additional storage areas for outpatient facilities in combination with and in addition to the general stores, or in a central area within the outpatient department shall be permitted. Off-site location(s) for a portion of this storage shall also be permitted.</td>
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<td>(d) Additional storage areas for outpatient facilities shall be provided in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total area of those facilities.</td>
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