sanitation

New York City is the greatest place in which to live and work. And your community is a critical part of this city. Residents, property owners, merchants and tenants can help keep the community clean. Your cooperation is a demonstration of your respect and consideration for your neighborhood and the appearance of the community. By complying with the law, you can avoid fines ranging from $100 - $300 while helping to polish the image of your neighborhood.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

CLEANING
Regularly **sweep the sidewalk** in front of your property of litter and debris, including **18 inches into the street**, as well as areas around the property like front / rear yards and driveways. Remove and properly dispose of the swept litter and debris. **Sweeping litter into the street is improper, illegal and inconsiderate.** Also, areas such as tree pits must be kept clean of debris, paper, cups, candy wrappers etc.

Dirty areas (front/ rear yards, driveways, etc.), dirty sidewalks or failure to clean the 18-inch area of the street in front of your property can carry a fine. DSNY inspects these cleanliness violations during the **Residential Routing periods of 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, and 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** Help keep your community clean and avoid a fine. Sweep on a routine basis.

Remember to move your vehicle as per posted cleaning regulations, so the mechanical broom can clean the curb area.

ILLEGAL DUMPING
It makes nice neighborhoods look awful. Report illegal dumpers and get a reward. Call 311 for details. The fine for illegal dumping starts at $1500.
LITTER BASKETS
Sanitation litter baskets are not for household or commercial garbage. Placing household garbage into litter baskets is illegal and causes baskets to quickly overflow.

PROPER PLACEMENT OF RECEPTACLES
Refuse and recyclables must be properly packaged and placed out at curbside in front of your residence no sooner than the evening before your scheduled collection day. Refuse must be kept within the building or at the rear of the premises until the proper place out time (4PM from October 1st – April 1st; 5PM otherwise). Failure to store receptacles carries a fine.

RECEPTACLES – Cardboard boxes are NOT proper receptacles. You may use the following:

Refuse: Only use metal or plastic refuse cans (maximum 44 gallons) with tight-fitting lids or securely tied heavy-duty opaque plastic refuse bags, available at retail outlets. Using an improper receptacle carries a fine.

Recyclables: The City recycles paper, metal, plastic, glass, cardboard, and cartons. These materials must be separated as follows:

  mixed paper – must be placed in clear plastic bags or in properly labeled 18 to 32-gallon containers, preferably green. Cardboard must be bundled and tied with sturdy twine (not tape) separately, or broken down into small pieces, in which case it can be placed in clear plastic recycling bags or properly labeled containers for recycling as mixed paper.

  plastic (rigid plastics), metal and glass (bottles and jars), along with aluminum foil paper, yogurt containers, juice boxes and beverages cartons, etc. must be placed in clear plastic bags or in properly labeled 18 to 32-gallon containers, preferably blue.

To request decals for your receptacles, call 311 or order online via DSNY’s website.

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