



# SANITATION

## YOU LIVE IN A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD, HELP US KEEP IT THAT WAY

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 the Department of Sanitation 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 a fine 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, as well as 18 inches into the street. Remove and properly dispose of the sweep 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 and bottle caps etc. Dirty sidewalks or failure to clean the 18-inch area of the street in front of your property or store carries a fine of **\$100 to \$300.**
- ✓ **LITTER BASKET** - Sanitation litter baskets are *not* for household garbage. Placing household garbage in them is illegal and cause baskets too quickly overflow. The fine for improperly using a litter basket is **\$100.**
- ✓ **PROPER PLACEMENT OF REFUSE / RECYCLABLES RECEPTACLES** - Refuse and recyclables must be properly packaged and placed out at curbside in front of your residence *no sooner* than the night before your scheduled collection day. Until the time of collection, refuse must be kept within the building or at the rear of the premises. Failure to store receptacles carries a fine of **\$100 to \$300.**
- ✓ **RECEPTACLES** - Cardboard boxes are not proper receptacles for recyclables or refuse. Building may use the following:

**Refuse:** Only use metal or heavy duty plastic refuse cans with tight-fitting lids or securely tied heavy-duty opaque plastic refuse bags, available at retail outlets. Using improper receptacles carries fines of **\$100 to \$300.**



**Recyclables:** The City recycles paper, metal, plastic and glass. 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. Corrugated cardboard must be bundled and tied separately, unless broken down into small pieces, in which case it can be placed for recycling as mixed paper.
- Plastic (bottles and jugs), metals, and glass (bottles and jars), along with aluminum foil paper, juice boxes and cartons, etc. must be placed in clear plastic bags or in properly labeled 18 to 32-gallon containers, preferably blue.

**LITTERING** - It is an illegal and careless act. Don't Litter! The fine is \$100.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING** - It makes nice neighborhoods look awful. Turn in an illegal dumper and get an award. Call 311 for details.

For Sanitation information or assistance, call 311 or visit website at: <http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation>

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