



Rules for Garbage & Recycling Receptacle Storage



NOT ACCEPTABLE

A new law requires property owners to store their receptacles out of sight from the public right of way, even when the receptacles are on their own private property.



ACCEPTABLE

DPW has issued guidelines for acceptable enclosures that can be used to hide receptacles from view.



A law is on the books requiring residents who store their garbage and recycling receptacles on private property must ensure that the receptacles are not visible from the street.

Department of Public Works (DPW) will be enforcing the code with correction notices and citations. The citation fines start at \$100. However, we would like to provide you with information and solutions that will help you comply with the new requirement.

Your garbage cans should be stored in an area inside your premises or be covered by opaque materials. These materials can include a free standing fence, a lattice, a barricade or landscaping. Keep in mind that these materials should be sturdy and not easily moved. Bamboo and tarps are also acceptable as long as they are secured to a frame.

Failure to comply with this City code may result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Please Bring Your Receptacles In After Collection

DPW will continue to enforce the Public Works Code that requires residents and businesses to remove garbage and recycling receptacles from the public right-of-way (ie: the sidewalk) after collection or immediately after the business is open. You can be cited for leaving your receptacle on the sidewalk. Fines begin at \$100.

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