Illegal dumping

Illegal Dumping is a common problem in our cities, and San Francisco is no exception. It is well known that illegal dumping causes significant health and safety problems - from public exposure to chemicals, medical waste, sharp objects and other dangers to flooding caused by debris that clogs storm water drains. Research also has shown that dumping sites left unabated tend to attract more waste, leading to vandalism and unsightliness that can devalue properties and demoralize community pride, which leads to an increase in crime and anti-social behavior. This problem costs the City millions of dollars a year in cleanup.

In order to better address illegal dumping within San Francisco, Public Works has introduced a new Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) team, which is responsible for educating the public about their responsibilities concerning street and sidewalk cleanliness, garbage service and illegal dumping. The team will engage in face-to-face outreach and attend community and neighborhood meetings as part of their outreach efforts. The team will also investigate and, where warranted, issue Notices of Violation and citations for illegal dumping, lack of garbage service or insufficient garbage service, and other identified code violations in order to change behaviors and attain code compliance.
Reglas para almacenar los botes de basura y reciclaje.

Una nueva ley requiere que los residentes de sus botes de basura y reciclaje en propiedad privada deben asegurarse que los botes no sean visibles de la calle. El Departamento de Obras Públicas (DPW) estará imponiendo notas de corrección y multas a los que no cumplen con esta ley. Sin embargo, nosotros queremos proporcionarle información y soluciones para ayudarle cumplir con el nuevo requisito. Sus botes de basura deberían estar almacenados en un área dentro de su propiedad o mantenidos afuera pero aun dentro de su línea de propiedad, y tienen que ser cubiertos con materias opacas para que no sean visibles. Estas materias pueden incluir una valla independiente, un enrejado, una barricada o follaje. Por favor tenga en mente que estas materias sean firmes y que no sean fácilmente movidas. El bambú y lonas alquitranadas también son aceptables siempre que estén asegurados a una forma estructural.

Si usted no cumple con este código de la Ciudad puede resultar en multas que recorren de $250.

Property owners must store their receptacles out of sight from the public right of way, even when the receptacles are on their own private property.

Residents who store their garbage and recycling receptacles on private property must ensure that the receptacles are not visible from the street.

Merchants must bring their receptacles inside a stored area immediately after opening for business.

Your garbage cans should be stored in an area inside your premises or covered by opaque materials. Materials should be sturdy and not easily moved. They can consist of a free-standing fence, a lattice, a barricade or landscaping. Bamboo and tarps also are acceptable if secured to a frame.

Failure to comply with this City code may result in fines of up to $250 per violation.

Public Works has guidelines for acceptable enclosures to hide receptacles from public view.

Garbage and recycling receptacle storage rules

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Public Works’ new Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) team will be providing information to the public and working to resolve issues in order to attain code compliance. Where warranted, the team will also be issuing Notices of Violation and citations.

Please bring your receptacles in after collection

We 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 (i.e. the sidewalk) after collection or immediately after the business is open. You can be cited for leaving your receptacles on the sidewalk.

For more info and enclosure guidelines, visit: sfpublicworks.org/garbage