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Establishing a Policy for Street Side and Community Trash & Recycling Containers

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Trash & Recycling Containers

Areas of Focus

- Creating Uniform Standards for All Types of Street Side and Community Trash and Recycling Receptacles
- Increasing Access to Recycling in Public Areas for our Neighbors

Creating Uniform Standards



All recycling containers for neighbor use must be approved by the Solid Waste Division (SWD) as to design, color scheme and messaging before purchase and installation.

- The colors blue, green, orange and tan shall be reserved for use on recycling containers, and shall not be used on trash receptacles.
- Recycling containers should be easily identifiable with simple and clear messaging, and restrictive openings.
- Outdoor trash & recycling containers should be side-loading or have a hood to keep out rainwater and oversized trash.
- Trash & recycling containers should be placed side-by-side and installed in such a manner that they cannot be separated.
- Whenever recycling containers are lined with a bag, it must be a clear plastic bag. Containers for paper/cardboard **should not** be lined.

Increasing Access to Recycling

- All trash containers intended must be located **side-by-side** with a recycling container approved by the SWD, unless SWD grants an exemption due to extenuating circumstances.
- Trash & recycling containers that SWD deems to be noncompliant with this policy must be removed or replaced with compliant containers.
- In areas where SWD determines there is likely to be significant amounts of paper waste generated, a paper recycling receptacle will be required to accompany trash receptacles.



Increasing Access to Recycling

NOTE: Restrooms are exempt from the requirement to provide recycling containers.

When locating trash & recycling containers on the right-of-way, whether permanently or temporarily for an event, Community Builders shall take into consideration the following aspects:

1. Volume of disposal anticipated
2. Flow of pedestrian traffic on right-of-way
3. Areas of concentrated waste generation like eateries or performances
4. Ability to service containers
5. Striking an appropriate balance between convenience and how cluttered the right-of-way is with other necessary infrastructure

Increasing Access to Recycling

Effective placement strategies may also include:

- Using a small number of larger receptacles or compactors instead of a large number of small receptacles.
- Locating receptacles at intersections that can serve pedestrian traffic coming from several directions, rather than placing them mid-block.
- Locating receptacles at least 100' apart except in areas **known** to require extra disposal capacity.
- Locations chosen should provide good visibility.

Collection Efficiency

- Combine RTS and SWD contracts for better pricing and efficient collection
- RTS and SWD coordinate on trash receptacles for bus stops
- Long-term-analyze Community Builders collection of receptacles for cost efficiency

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