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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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