

DIGEST

OF SANITATION SECTIONS
OF THE

HEALTH CODE

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK



IN 1959 what formerly was the Sanitary Code became the new, revised Health Code of the City of New York. Its purpose is to safeguard the health and well-being of all citizens.

This Digest, which has been prepared in cooperation with the Department of Sanitation, lists provisions of the Health Code that apply specifically to littering and to other violations of the laws governing community cleanliness.

These violations are subject to summonses to Magistrates' Courts, with fines up to \$25. In flagrant cases the fines can be as high as \$500, a year in prison, or both.

No infractions need to happen. It is hoped, therefore, that through increased public awareness of the laws, citizens, acting in their own interests, voluntarily will cooperate to make and to keep our city clean.

Such cooperation is a moral obligation in any community. In many, including New York City, the law requires it—and backs its demands with enforcement.

A cleaner New York is up to all of us. Each individual can help by obeying the Health Code.

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SIDEWALKS & STREETS

DIRTY SIDEWALKS (Sec. 153.19)

Sidewalks must be kept clean at all times by those whose properties face on them.

SWEEP-OUT (Sec. 153.01)

Dirt and litter must not be swept from the sidewalk into the gutter and street at any time.

Sidewalk sweepings must be put into suitable garbage cans for pickup by the Sanitation Department or by private collection service.

THROW-OUT OR DUMPING (Sec. 153.01)

No litter, garbage, cans, ashes, rubbish or broken glass may be thrown or dumped onto sidewalks, streets, areaways, yards or lots. Throwing things out of windows is included in this violation.

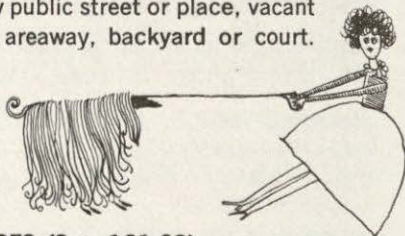
SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTION (Sec. 153.19)

No refuse or discarded objects may be put on the sidewalk where they could obstruct or interfere with passage while such waste is awaiting collection by Sanitation or private service.

LITTERING

Littering is further prohibited by the City's Administrative Code, Section 755 (3)-2.1, as follows:

No person shall litter, sweep, throw or cast, or direct, suffer or permit any servant, agent, employee or other person under his control to litter, sweep, throw or cast any ashes, garbage, paper, dust or other rubbish or refuse into any public street or place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard or court.



DOGS

DOG NUISANCES (Sec. 161.03)

UNLEASHED (Sec. 161.05)

Dogs are to be controlled so they do not commit any nuisances on sidewalks. They must be leashed and walked in the gutter.

CONTAINERS (Sec. 131.11)

IMPROPER USE OF DS LITTER BASKETS

Litter baskets are designed for the use of passing pedestrians. They are intended as containers for scrap paper, newspapers, candy wrappers, cigarette packages, fruit skins and similar light refuse.

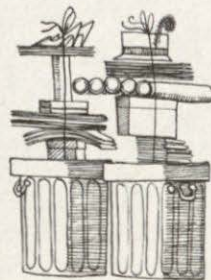
They are NOT intended for household refuse or for the use of nearby property owners, tenants or storekeepers, who are required by law to provide their own containers.

MATERIAL PUT OUT FOR COLLECTION

Containers for garbage, refuse and ashes must be kept within the building or in rear of premises until time for removal. They then must be placed in front of building or on sidewalk close to the building.

LOOSE RUBBISH

All newspapers, loose paper, rubbish and rags must be tied securely before being put out for collection as excess rubbish.



INSUFFICIENT CONTAINERS

Each location must have enough leakproof garbage cans for 60 hours' accumulation so that they will not be overloaded at any time.

BROKEN CONTAINERS

All garbage cans must be in good repair. Broken cans which may leak, permit litter to escape or which might injure people handling them, must be replaced.

UNCOVERED CONTAINERS

Garbage cans must be covered at all times with tight-fitting covers.

MIXED MATERIAL

Separate cans must be used for garbage and ashes. This helps disposal by the Department of Sanitation.

Into GARBAGE cans should go all perishable material such as meat, fat, bones, fish, fruit, vegetables.

Into ASH cans should go all unburnable material such as ashes, bottles, cans, crockery, glass, sweepings.

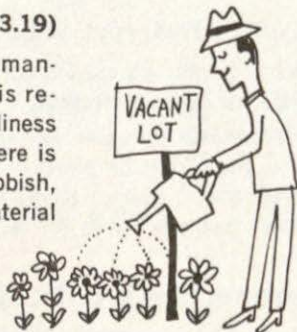
LOTS, YARDS & AREAWAYS

BACKYARDS AND AREAWAYS (Sec. 153.19)

Owners, superintendents, tenants or occupants are responsible for the cleanliness of backyards, courtyards and areaways of their premises.

DIRTY LOTS (Sec. 153.19)

An owner, lessee or manager of a vacant lot is responsible for its cleanliness and must see that there is no accumulation of rubbish, water or offensive material thereon.



MISCELLANEOUS

NOXIOUS LIQUIDS (Sec. 153.09)

No swill, brine, offensive animal matter or any odious or noxious liquids must be allowed to run or fall on any street, nor may they be placed there.



DUST FLYING (Sec. 153.03)

No mop may be shaken nor carpet beaten so that litter or dust is created.

Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the scattering or blowing about of lime, ashes, coal, sand, hair, feathers or similar substances likely to be blown by the wind.

INTERFERING WITH DS WORK (Sec. 153.13)

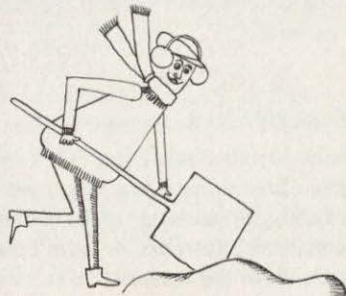
A Sanitation employee must not be interfered with in sweeping or cleaning a street or in the removal of ashes, garbage, rubbish, snow or ice.

SPILLING FROM TRUCK (Sec. 153.11)

No person in control of a vehicle shall permit any litter or other material to scatter, drop or spill from such vehicle.

DISTRIBUTING CIRCULARS (Sec. 153.17)

It is illegal to distribute commercial advertising circulars except through the U.S. Mail. Among other things, this applies to distribution to pedestrians and to attaching such circulars to automobiles.



ICE ON SIDEWALK. This is covered by the Administrative Code, as follows:

UNDER SECTION 755 (3)-2.0a-

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any lot or building shall, within four hours after snow has ceased to fall or within four hours after 7 a.m., if snow has ceased to fall after 9 p.m. the previous evening, clean such snow or ice from the sidewalk.

UNDER SECTION 755 (3)-2.0b-

In the event snow or ice becomes frozen so hard it is unlikely that it can be removed, the sidewalk is to be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust or similar suitable material. (The same above-mentioned four-hour time limit applies here.) The sidewalk is to be thoroughly cleaned as soon thereafter as the weather permits.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS

If you have old furniture, stoves, mattresses or other bulky objects you'd like to get rid of, please call your Borough Sanitation office and ask for the free junk-collection service. But don't put them on the sidewalk until the appointment date.

NUMBERS TO CALL:

Manhattan West	Columbus 5-7550
Manhattan East	ATwater 9-1800
Bronx	CYpress 9-4000
Brooklyn West	TRiangle 5-7545
Brooklyn East	TRiangle 5-7545
Queens West	VIrginia 9-6470
Queens East	VIrginia 9-6465
Staten Island	GIbraltar 7-8500

FIVE RULES FOR A CLEAN CITY

- 1 USE LITTER BASKETS.
- 2 PUT ALL GARBAGE INSIDE GARBAGE CANS.
- 3 KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAN — PUT SWEEPINGS IN YOUR TRASH CANS.
- 4 NEVER PUT TRASH IN VACANT LOTS.
- 5 CURB YOUR DOG.

"Sanitation is a way of life. It is the quality of living that is expressed in the clean home, the clean farm, the clean business and industry, the clean neighborhood, the clean community.

"Being a way of life, it must come from within the people; it is nourished by knowledge and grows as an obligation and an ideal in human relations."

. . . The National Sanitation Foundation

Help put these public enemies BEHIND BARS!

Empty cigarette packages, candy wrappers, paper containers, scrap paper and litter in general all belong behind bars. These "public enemies" can't walk to the litter basket, but you can. When you do, you'll help make New York City a cleaner, healthier, better place in which to live!

