



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Department of Public Works

William Peduto, Mayor

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Dear Landlord,

The municipal waste code for the city is changing, along with some of the responsibilities in regards to waste removal and what must be provided to tenants. These changes will help set tenants up for success in waste and recycling compliance, and we need your help to make that happen. In order to keep the city clean, landlords and tenants must work together as partners.

What new responsibilities do landlords have?

- Landlords must provide durable, watertight containers (not exceeding thirty-five (35) gallons or city issued container, where applicable) with closed, tight-fitting lids for waste and recycling to their tenants. Recycling containers must be blue, clearly marked for recycling, and set separate from municipal waste in order to minimize contamination.
- If compliance with the waste and recycling code are not met, a violation notice will be sent to both tenants and landlords, followed by a citation if the issue is not resolved.
- Anyone not serviced by the city must now clearly label their dumpster or storage container with the name and address of the establishment to show ownership.
- Landlords must include the Pittsburgh-specific Waste and Recycling Fact Sheet to tenants as a part of leases. Please see below for more information.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please go to <http://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/waste-regulations> to learn more. In addition, owners and managers of multi-family dwellings with six (6) or more units have always been responsible for hiring their own private collectors. The City of Pittsburgh only provides municipal waste and recycling services to buildings with five (5) units or fewer. Municipal waste can only be stored in substantial, leak-proof bags, and placed in durable, watertight containers.

Attached with this letter is the new Waste and Recycling Fact Sheet that must be provided to tenants as a part of their lease. If experiencing a waste or recycling related issue, contact 311 by calling, tweeting, or by utilizing the online submission form. Lastly, visit us online at pittsburghpa.gov/rentals for more information.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Environmental Services

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