

City Ordinances

Title 7

Health And Safety

Chapter 7.16

Solid Waste, Litter And Weeds

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.16.048 Mandatory recycling--Private haulers.

A. It will be the responsibility of property owners and managers of multi-family buildings, businesses, and non-profit establishments to provide access to recycling for their tenants or employees through a contractual arrangement with haulers working in the city of Springfield. The haulers providing the ongoing recycling collection services shall be responsible for furnishing, maintaining, and replacing all common area recycling containers and collection vehicles which are deemed necessary in the recycling program. The hauler shall be responsible for the collection, intermediate storage or transfer, transportation, and delivery to the MRF for residential recyclables or another DEP approved processing facility for business recyclables.

B. All haulers who collect solid waste, and/or recyclable material from any building in the city of Springfield must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

C. Recycling collection schedules and pickup locations shall be mutually agreed upon by property managers/owners, businesses, non-profit establishments and the haulers. The city is not responsible for any problems, unauthorized collections, liabilities, or any other difficulties that arise between the haulers and their customers.

D. Containers provided by haulers for recyclables, including compactors, shall be clearly labeled in English and in other languages if appropriate, including indicating the materials to be placed in the container and the word "recycle" or "recyclable" or the "chasing arrows" recycling symbol.

E. Containers used to collect the recyclable material should have adequate capacity and durability to function efficiently and meet the spatial constraints of the building. The type of containers used for collection of recyclables will be established between the owner/manager and the hauler.

F. Containers located outdoors shall be covered or otherwise secured to prevent material from blowing, leaking or falling out and to protect the materials from vector populations and the elements. The building property owner/manager shall maintain all recycling areas in a clean, sanitary and litter free manner.

G. Indoor common area collection/storage areas shall be established in accordance with appropriate city of Springfield fire and/or safety codes. Exterior recyclables storage areas shall be established in accordance with city of Springfield requirements for solid waste enclosures.

H. The recycling containers at a multi-family property shall be placed in a location or locations at least as convenient to tenants as the trash receptacles, including trash chutes, insofar as is practical given space limitations.

I. Hauler reports. As a requirement to work in the city, haulers will be required to submit a Hauler Reporting Form to the DPW on multi-family buildings with four (4) or more dwelling units and fewer than forty (40) dwelling units. The report forms will be supplied by the DPW and will be due on a quarterly basis January 1, April 1, July 1, and September 1. When the specified quarterly report dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report is due on the next business day. Reporting forms will be supplied by the Springfield DPW.

1. The data on the forms will include: multi-family building address, telephone number of owner/manager, and the identification of an established recycling program. Haulers will not be responsible for the establishment of a program unless contracted by the owner/manager. The Hauler Report asks only for information as to whether a recycling program exists.

2. All such reports, data, and information once received by the city of Springfield DPW shall become the property of the city of Springfield and will be considered confidential information. (added 10/05/1999)