




Avoiding Violations: **Businesses**

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Businesses can keep our City clean and avoid fines by following our rules and regulations.

Hire a private carting service.

Contract with a private carter to collect your trash and recyclables. Post your carter’s decal and schedule in your window, and keep a copy of your contract or receipt at your business.

Fine Avoided: \$100. AC16-116 (b).

Prepare for collection at the correct time.

Keep trash and recyclables in heavy-duty, securely tied bags or covered bins.

Daytime Pick-ups: Leave trash for collection within two hours of the scheduled pick-up.

Nighttime Pick-ups: Leave trash within an hour of closing your business for the evening.

Fine Avoided: \$100 - \$300. AC 16-120 (c) and (e).

Remove tripping hazards.

Storefront areas must be clear, without signs on the sidewalk. In some locations, displaying products within three feet of the building is legal – if the display is lower than five feet high. Call 311 to learn if displays are allowed in a specific street.

Fine Avoided: \$100 - \$300. AC 16-118 (2).

Advertise correctly.

It’s illegal to put or post flyers and business cards on car or truck windows or on City-owned property, such as lampposts and traffic signs.

Fine Avoided: \$75 - \$500. AC 10-117 (a); 10-119- 121; and NYS Vehicle Traffic Law 375 (1).

Be sure to recycle.

All businesses in NYC must recycle metal, glass, plastic, beverage cartons, paper, and cardboard. Some businesses must recycle organics or construction waste.

Fine Avoided: \$100 - \$400. 16 Rules of City of New York 1-10.

Clean your sidewalk and gutters.

Clean your sidewalk area, extending 18 inches into the street. Our Enforcement Officers checks sidewalks and gutters. Call 311 for enforcement times.

Fine Avoided: \$100 - \$300. AC 16-118 (2).

Clear snow and ice.

Create a path at least four feet wide by removing snow and ice — without shoveling into the street. Also clear space around fire hydrants and sidewalk corner ramps.

Fine Avoided: \$100 - \$350. AC 16 - 123.