

DSNY: Businesses



The Department of Sanitation sets out a range of rules for NYC's businesses and offices to encourage smooth, city-wide functioning and promote the quality of life in neighborhoods. Failing to meet these guidelines may result in fines for your business. This guide is meant to help businesses navigate the rules put out by DSNY and avoid fines.

Trash and Collection Setout

- Effective April 1st, 2023, businesses are only allowed to set their trash out in bags after 8:00 PM or later. Businesses that close before 8:00 PM must place trash in a secure container, like a trash can with a lid, one hour before closing.
- All businesses must recycle certain materials. Private carters must provide separate garbage and recycling collection. Violators will be fined \$100-\$400.

Reminders

1. Keep waste in heavy-duty, securely tied bags or covered bins. Business waste should *never* be placed in or beside DSNY's corner litter baskets.
2. Trash should never be placed in NoHo BID or public baskets
3. Bundled cardboard can be placed next to the cans
4. Trash must be placed on the curb

Snow and Ice Removal

As a business, you are responsible for clearing snow and ice in front of your business. Create a path at least four feet wide. Do *not* shovel into the street. You must also clear the space around fire hydrants and sidewalk corner ramps. Not doing so can result in a violation of \$100-\$300.



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Avoid Violations!

- Remove tripping hazards: Storefront areas must be clear, without signs on the sidewalk.
- It's illegal to post flyers and business cards on car or truck windows or on City-owned property, such as lampposts and traffic signs. Fines range from \$75-\$500.
- Clean your gutters and your sidewalk area, extending 18 inches into the street. Violations range from \$100-\$300.

Carryout Bags

Businesses and retailers may no longer use single-use plastic bags in New York State – this ban has been in enforcement since October 19, 2020. Please note that you must collect a 5 cent fee on paper carryout bags.

If you have any questions or would like more resources on policies and violations, please visit noho.nyc/city-government/