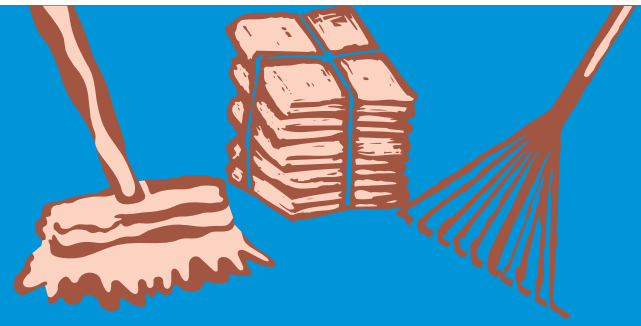


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Do not use public trash barrels for business or residence refuse

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Provide and maintain a proper container for cigarette butts

Many merchants and restaurants understandably prohibit smoking in their establishments. An unfortunate effect is that employees and patrons smoke outside on the sidewalk and then dispose of their cigarette butts on the sidewalk or in the gutter. Merchants should reduce this problem by providing and maintaining an appropriate container for disposal of cigarette butts. Debris swept from the sidewalk into the gutter requires additional resources to collect and is often more difficult to collect because of nearby parked cars. The public trash receptacles may be used to dispose of debris collected in a dust pan.

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City code dictates property owners, merchants and residents must remove snow from adjacent sidewalks within 12 hours. Sand or Magnesium Chloride (available in Home Improvement Stores) may be applied to provide traction for pedestrians. Do not use salt...salt discolors the brick sidewalks and the white residue is very difficult to remove.

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