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Neighbors, For a Better Neighborhood

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Dear Property Owner or Property Manager,

The Department of Sanitation, The Office of Clean and Green, and SWEEP, in partnership with the Center City Residents' Association (CCRA), are writing to inform you of upcoming efforts to reduce trash on our sidewalks in Center City West. As a property owner or manager, you are responsible for informing tenants and ensuring compliance with all Sanitation Rules in the City of Philadelphia.

Enforcement presence in Center City West will be increasing. To avoid fines, please ensure compliance with all sanitation regulations, including the most commonly cited violations in our neighborhood:

Philadelphia Sanitation & Litter Violations (Common in Center City West)

10-717.1C – Improper Container (Trash)
Trash must be placed in leak-proof trash bags or rigid containers (up to 32 gallons) with lids.

10-717R42 – Improper Container (Recyclables)
Recycling must be placed in a rigid container clearly marked "RECYCLING."
Paper bags or plastic bags may **NOT** be used as recycling containers.

10-7174 – Not Securely Bundled (Cardboard & Trash)
All trash must be securely bagged or bundled.
Cardboard boxes must be **flattened and tied securely** before being placed out for collection.

10-717.1A – Trash Set Out Too Early
Trash may not be placed at the curb before designated set-out times.

Center City Trash Set-Out Times
(Vine St → Bainbridge St | Schuylkill River → Delaware River)

- **Apr 1 – Sept 30: 8:00 PM (night before) – 6:00 AM (collection day)**
- **Oct 1 – Mar 31: 6:00 PM (night before) – 6:00 AM (collection day)**

10-704(1) – Sidewalk Not Litter Free
The sidewalk in front of your property must be kept free of litter, debris, and garbage. Property owners, tenants, and businesses are responsible for keeping the sidewalk clean, even if the litter was not placed there by them.

10-713 – Dumping on Private Property
Trash must be placed in front of the property where it was generated.
Placing trash in front of another building or on another property is prohibited.

Please clearly communicate proper trash and recycling rules to tenants and management staff, reinforce correct set-out days and methods, ensure tenants understand that sanitation violations may result in fines to the property, and maintain the sidewalk in front of the building free of litter and debris.

With clear expectations and shared accountability, we believe our streets can see meaningful and lasting improvements.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping Philadelphia clean.

Sincerely, Center City Residents' Association Trash Committee

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