

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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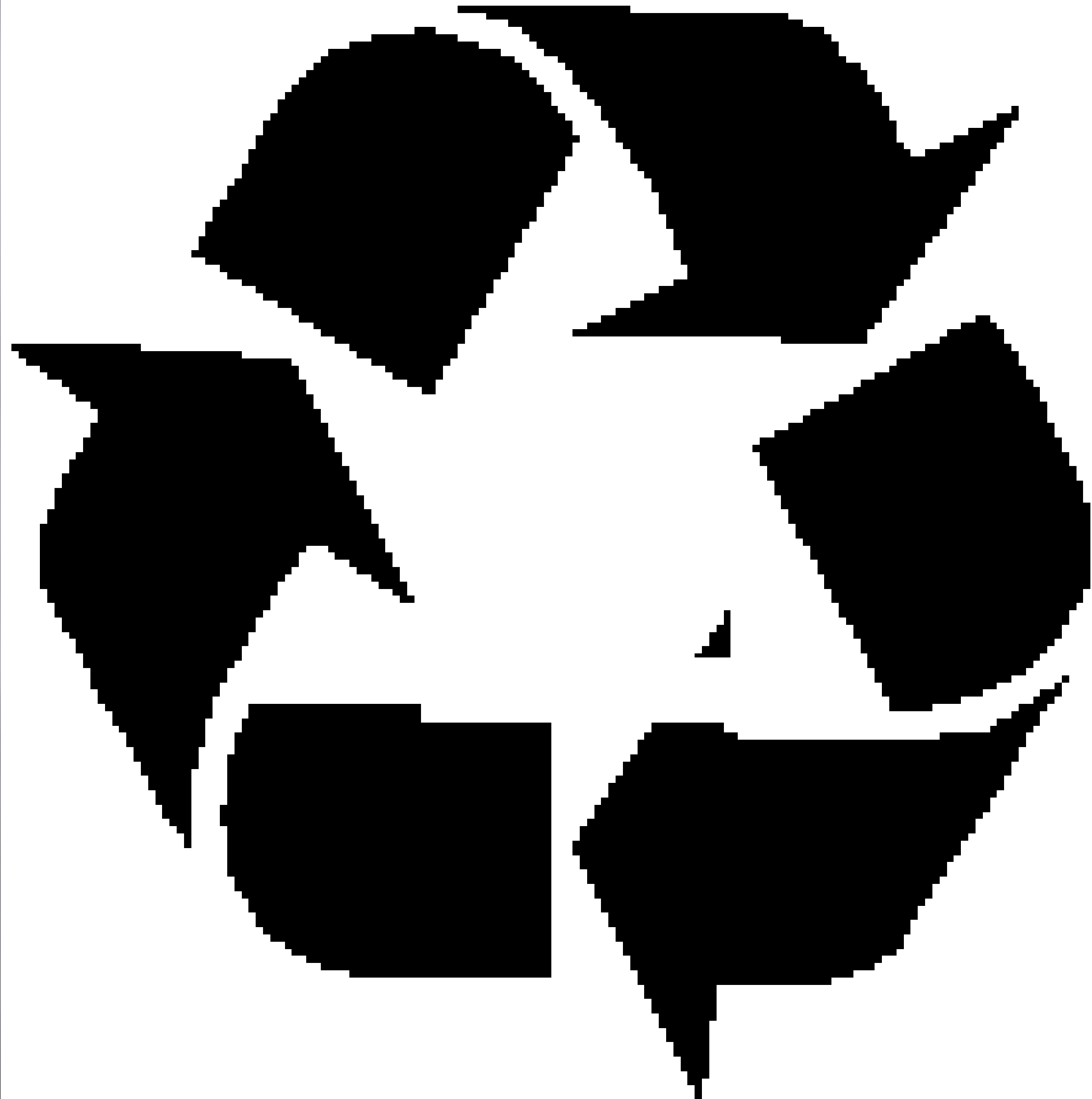


THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

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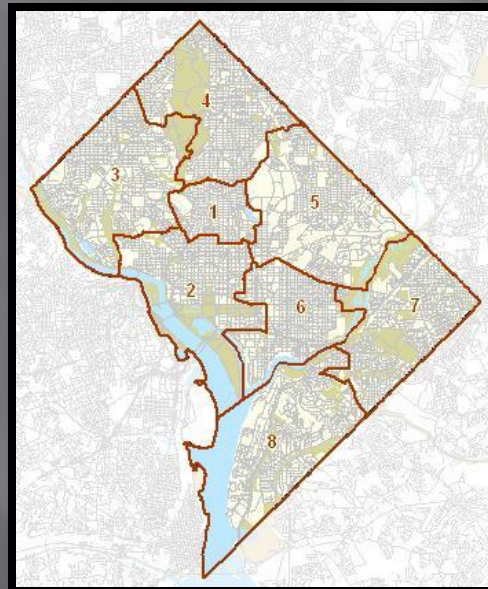
"The Preferred Choice"







ENFORCEMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRESENTED BY PAMELA WASHINGTON





600,000



20 mil





1 mil



tons



SWEEP Division

- ▣ Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program
- ▣ FY14 budget = \$4.8 million
- ▣ FY14 FTEs = 47
- ▣ Sanitation Inspections and Enforcement
- ▣ Recycling Enforcement
- ▣ Inspectors can issue notices of violation (tickets)
- ▣ Fines range from \$75 to \$2,000
- ▣ Cases are heard by an Administrative Law Judge
- ▣ Monthly household hazardous waste, e-cycling, document shredding
- ▣ Helping Hand, community meetings, outreach to business community



D.C. Code § 8-1001

Litter Control Administration Act of 1985,
6-100, As Amended, D.C. Code § 8-801 et seq.

D.C. Code § 8-1001 requires all
Commercial establishments, Residential
properties, Government building and
Schools within the District of Columbia
to recycle.



- ▣ Purpose: eliminates criminal penalties for violations of sanitation and public space regulations and establishes an administrative adjudicative system for civil enforcement of these regulations.

Materials Required by Law

- ▣ The following items must be recycled.
- ▣ Paper (newspaper, office paper etc.)
- ▣ Plastic
- ▣ Aluminum Cans
- ▣ Steel
- ▣ Tin
- ▣ Glass (green, clear and brown)
- ▣ Corrugated Cardboard

Trash and Recycling Collections

- ❑ Collections are made from about 105,000 locations weekly
- ❑ Service population = residents living in one, two and three unit residential buildings
- ❑ About 64% of collections are made from alleys
- ❑ About 70% of customers receive once-a-week Trash Collection service. These customers received a new 96-gal Supercan in 2014.
- ❑ About 30% of customers receive twice-a-week Trash Collection service. These customers received a new 32-gal trash can in 2014.
- ❑ Everyone receives once-a-week Recycling Collection. In 2014 households received larger recycling cans.
- ❑ Once-a-week households received a new 64-gal recycling can. Twice-a-week households received a new 48-gal recycling can.

Commercial Establishments



29,398 Businesses

249,822 Households

112 Hotels

5,478 Retail stores

2,155 Food Service Establishments

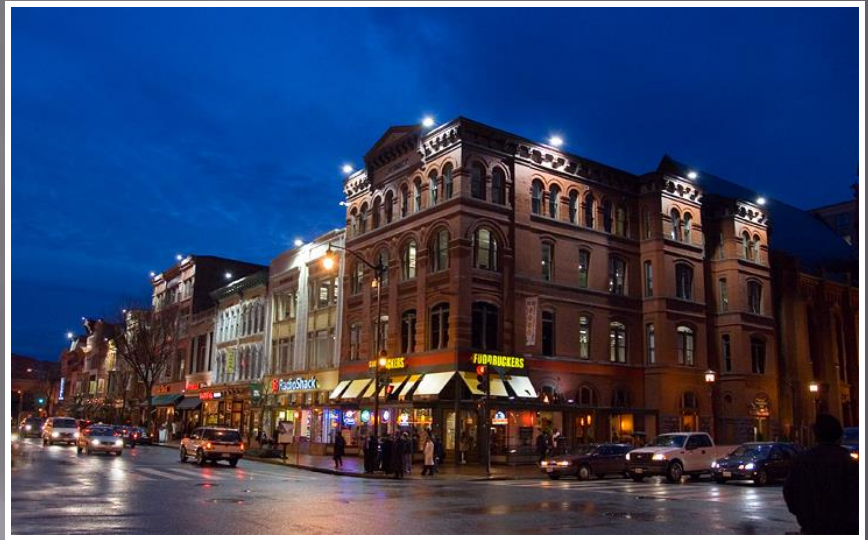
1,389 Office Buildings

1,556 Federal Government Owned Buildings

266 Leased Federal Buildings

1,000 District Government Owned Buildings

145 DCPS Buildings



Activators

Residents/Tenants/Employees/Enviros'/Calls/E-mails, Service Request and Self Inspections
Chains (CVS / KFC / etc.)
Industries (Hotels, Hospitals, etc.)
Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
“Corridors” (Wisconsin, Connecticut, etc.)

Annual Basis

FY 12	18,243
FY 13	22,041
FY 14	20,623

- ▣ The commercial sector multifamily apartments, businesses and industry is made up of 75% of the solid waste stream in the District.

PURPOSE OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

DPW is in charge of educating residents and commercial entities on all sanitation and recycling regulations and enforcing these regulations.. The inspectors and investigators of The Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) work with residents and businesses to keep the District clean. SWEEP also supports neighborhood clean-ups through the Helping Hand program and gives young people the opportunity to earn community service credits through the SWEEP Jr. program.

Our Experiences

- ▣ The District's solid waste problems are not unique, but they are compelling
- ▣ There is no landfill in the District of Columbia
- ▣ The District is changing – new construction, new residents – which effects solid waste and solid waste collection

The issues most commonly mentions during our visits

- ▣ Storage space is at a premium in business
- ▣ Many businesses complain of tight budgets and reduced staffs
- ▣ Recycling requires changes in employee habits and rituals
- ▣ Language barrier with the cleaning staff
- ▣ Who's responsible, owner or tenant
- ▣ Proof of Service – mail and postings

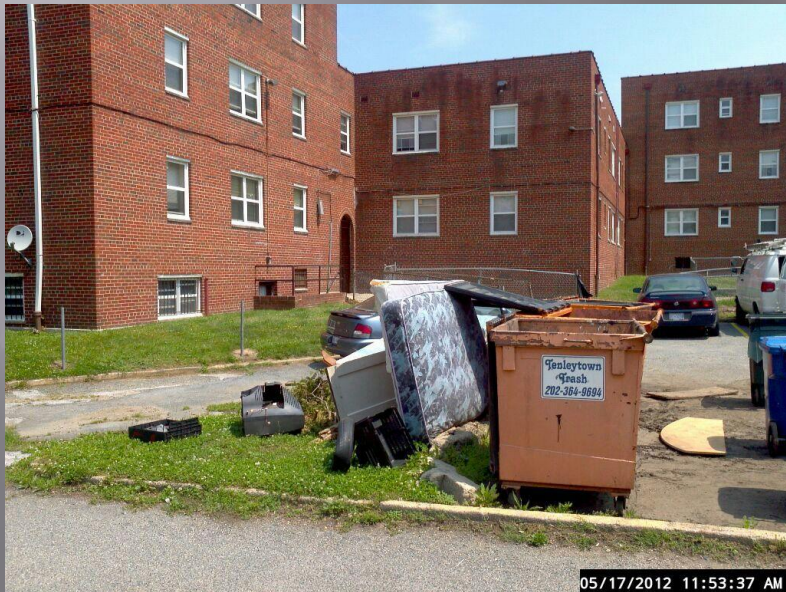
- ▣ Over flowing containers
- ▣ Illegal dumping
- ▣ Locating property owner's for commercial apartment with no property owner or management on sight.
- ▣ Contacting co-op and condo association
- ▣ Four unit buildings
- ▣ Litter Cans



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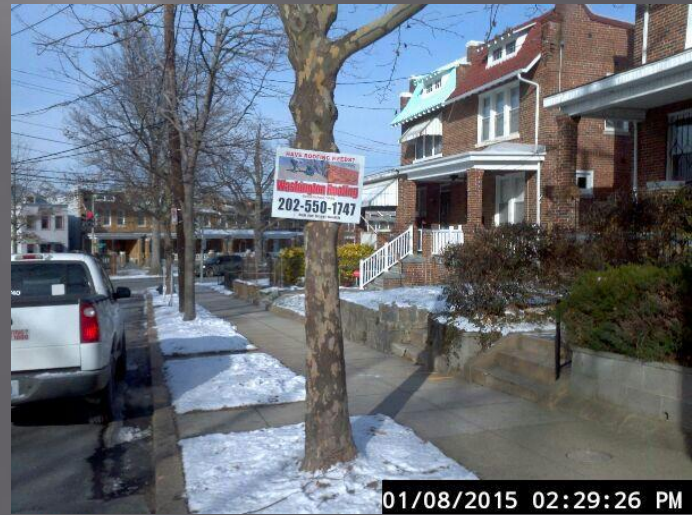
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Save Money And Reduce Trash

Questions

