

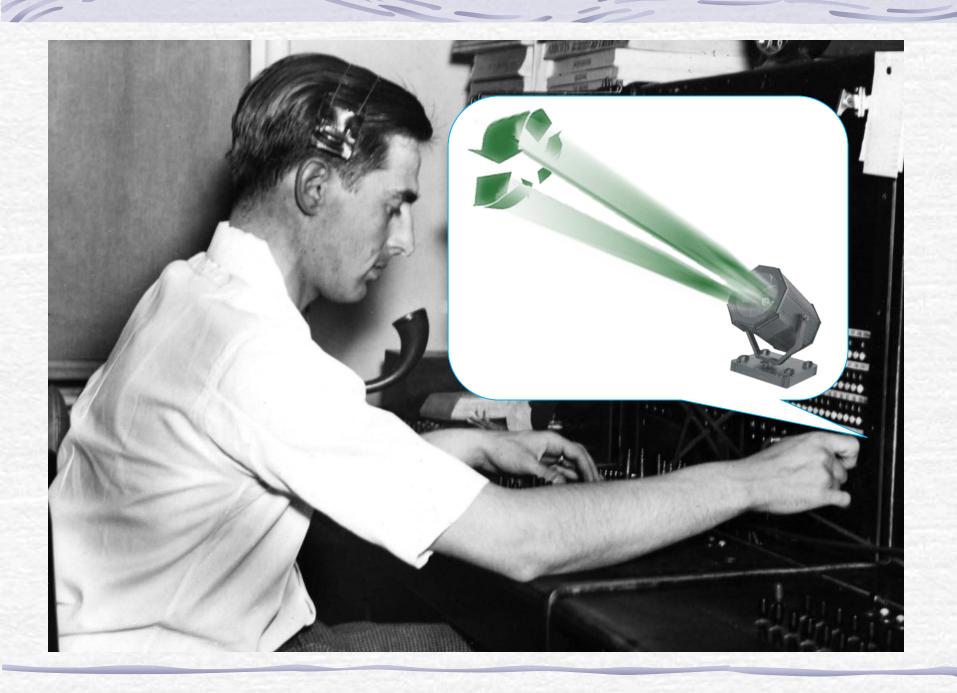
The District of Columbia's Message to Property Managers

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# The Solid Waste Multi-Material Management and Recycling Act of 1989

§ 8-1007. Mandatory source separation program [Formerly § 6-3407]

- (a) By October 1, 1989, owners and occupants of commercial property shall separate from their solid waste, bundle or containerize, and provide for the recycling of all newspaper. In addition, owners and occupants of office buildings, including the District government, shall separate for collection and provide for the recycling of all paper, as required by the Mayor by rules issued pursuant to § 8-1018.
- (b) By October 1, 1990, owners and occupants of commercial property shall separate for collection and provide for the recycling of all glass and metal

formerly DC ST § 7-226 now DC ST § 8-1001

## Requirements for Commercial Businesses

- Separate mandated materials from solid waste. (2 streams, minimum)
- Enclose all waste/recyclables in rigid containers at point-of-pickup e.g. loading dock / parking lot.
- Contract a registered recycling hauler, visiting at least 2x / month.
- Notify staff, tenants and guests on annual basis
- Post informational signs at points of collection
- Pass Site Inspection

### Every Business Must Know...

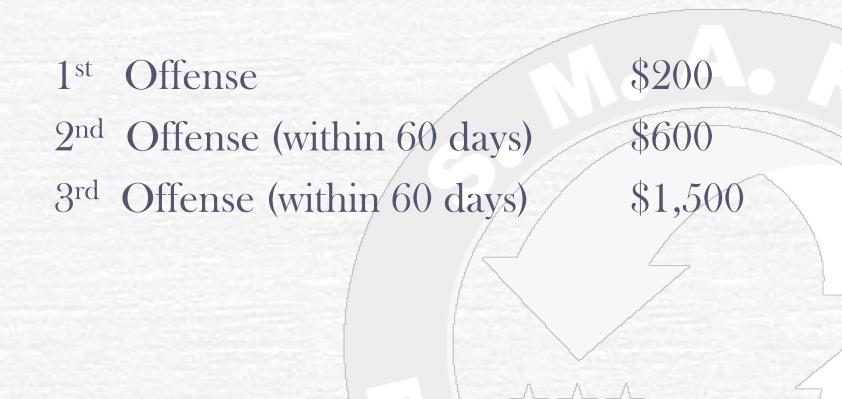
## Enforcement

Issues which may draw a Notice of Violation:

- Failure to arrange for proper removal of recyclables.
- Failure to maintain containers for recyclables.
- Failure to notify tenants/occupants of recycling requirements and program.
- Failure to post recycling signs.
- Failure to separate recyclables from other solid waste.
- Insufficient collection of recyclables (ie. < 2x per month).
- Failure to have a sufficient number of containers for separated recyclables.

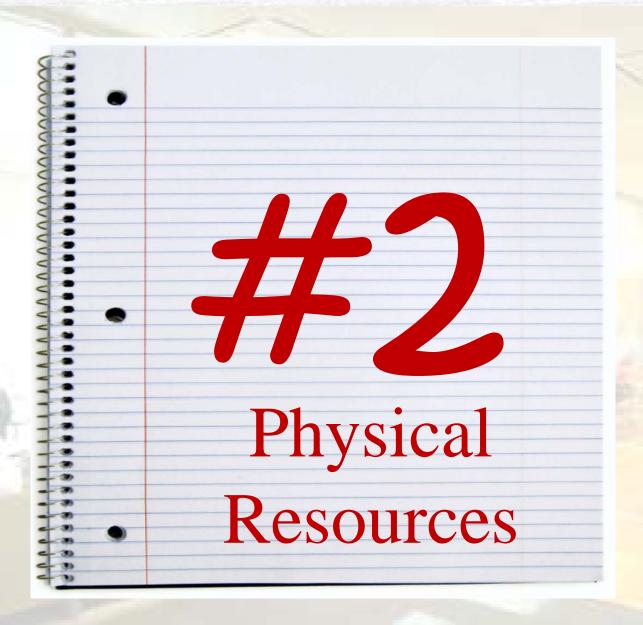
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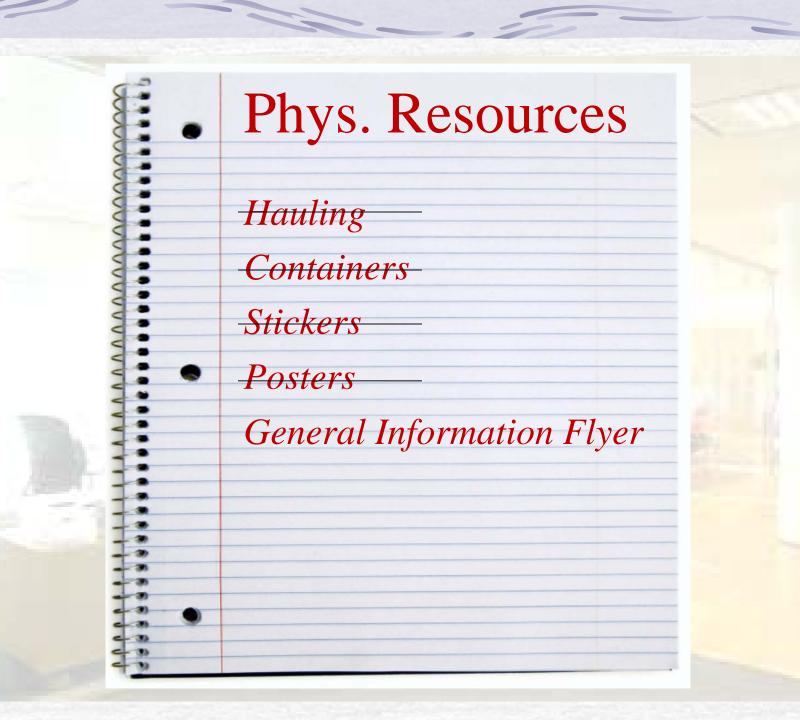
# Fine Schedule (Tiered, ie. 1st, 2nd 3rd)

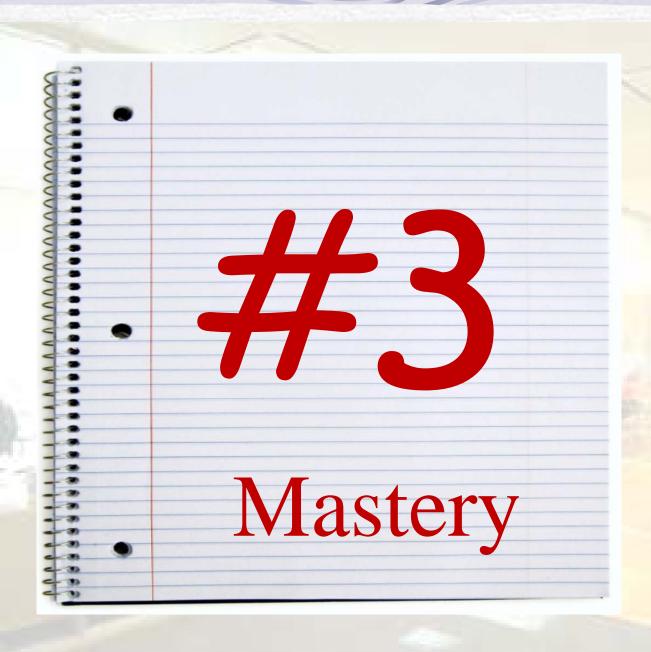


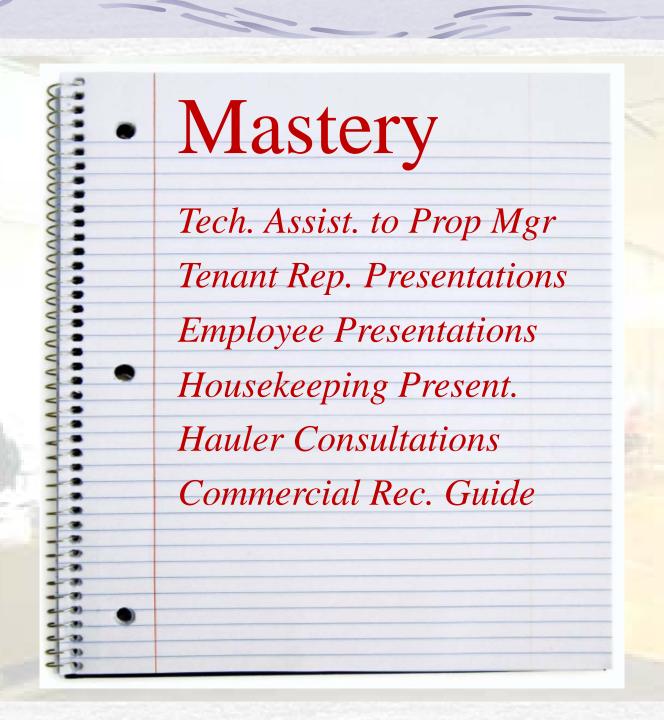
















- Bins Labels suboptimal
- Recyclables Unclear
- Preparations Steps Unclear
- Housekeeping Cross-Mix
- Dumpsters Over/Under-Labeled
- Haulers Mixing Loads

# Sustainability Requires Feedback



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#### **Lone Champion**

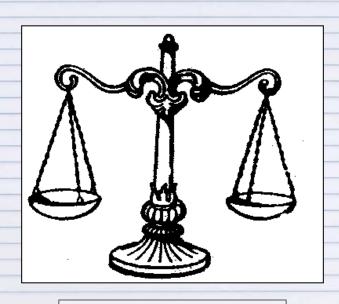
- Tree Hugger
- CEO
- "Dolores in Accounting"

#### Stakeholder Team

- Property Managers
- Physical Plant
- Housekeeping
- Tenant Reps

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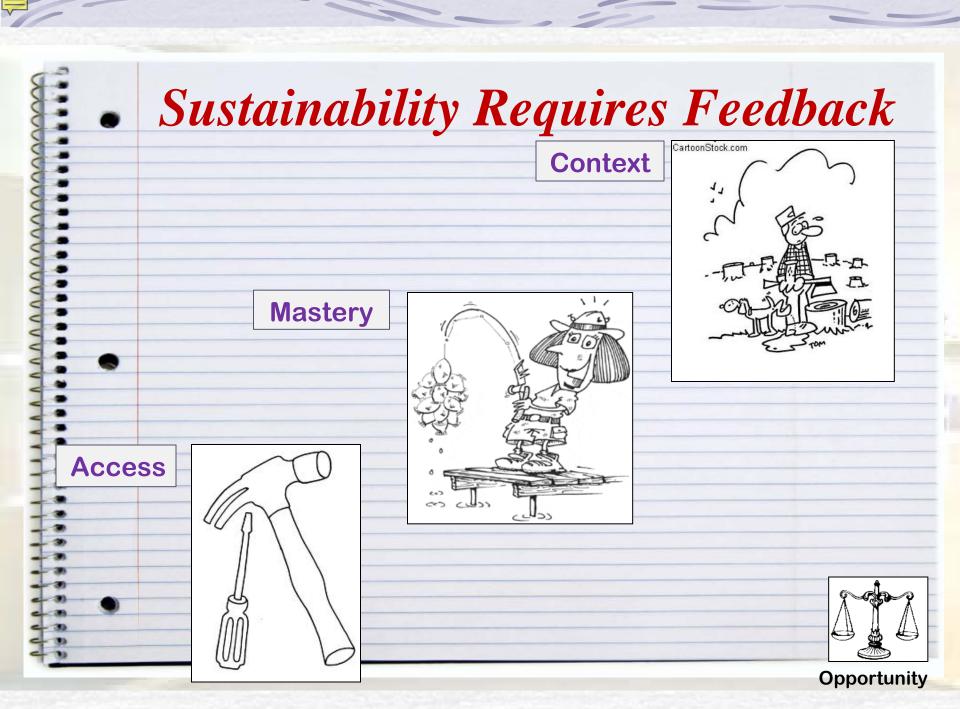


**Values** 

**Opportunity** 

Resistance

Credit: National Recycling Coalition
'Uncovering the Drivers of Consumer Recycling Behavior,' 2007



## Sustainability Requires Ownership







Receptacles

Collection



**Aluminum Cans** Latas de Aluminio



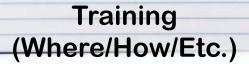
YES Beverage Cans



Latas de Aerosol

Restos de Comida





Signs & Labels

# Shared Ownership

- Representative System
- Distributed Ownership
- Peer Pressure

Solicit Continued Feedback!

Monitor, Measure and Report out Results!





Signs & Labels





Training (Where/How/Etc.)

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