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BACK BAY RESIDENTIAL TRASH REGULATIONS

- Trash must be put out for collection in the alley at the rear curb of your own property from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM on the MORNING OF THE COLLECTION DAY ONLY. Collection occurs after 8:00 AM every Monday and Thursday.* (Trash is picked up every holiday except Christmas.)
- Trash cannot be placed out for collection in paper bags or cartons. Plastic bags must be of durable two-ply strength (no shopping bags) and be securely tied. Barrels must be returned to their normal place of storage within 12 hours.
- No trash may be placed on a neighbor's property, at the mouth of alleys, on public sidewalks, or in barrels provided by the City for litter purposes only.
- All residents and property owners are responsible for proper placement of trash for collection and for picking up any loose or strewn trash from their property following collection.
- No trash may be put out for collection or remain out between collection days.
- Small-size wood and brush clippings shall be securely tied in bundles not exceeding 20 inches in diameter. Moving/delivery boxes must be broken down and securely tied.
- No building or construction materials shall be put out for collection.
- Between collection days, if outside storage is necessary, metal or rodent-proof barrels with tight-fitting lids must be used and stored on your own property.
- Dumpsters must be on private property, have tight-fitting lids, which are fully closed at all times to avoid a health hazard, and be emptied regularly.
- Nonresidential institutions must comply with commercial regulations.
- These regulations will be strictly enforced and violators fined.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! KEEP BOSTON CLEAN!

To report trash violations, telephone Code Enforcement 617.635.4896

*** For our neighbors who live west of Massachusetts Avenue, the same rules apply except collection is every Tuesday and Friday.**