

Tactical Trash Techniques

make for a

Cleaner Neighborhood

Putting your trash out right can make *your* neighborhood cleaner!!!

Trash must be in secured trash bags *at least 0.9 mil thick* or in a covered can

- No thin/flimsy kitchen bags trash bags that tear easily.
- No Foodies / CVS style bags
- No open brown/paper shopping bags
- Call city at 3-1-1 schedule pick-up of:
 - o Computers & monitors, TVs (tube & flat), refrigerators, air conditioners

Put trash out in the morning rather than the night before

- Less time for trash pickers to tear them open
- Less risk of bag being kicked/torn open
- Less time for nocturnal animals to scavenge

All recycling must be in a *clear* plastic bag.

- Fold down cardboard boxes!!! Put them in a clear bag, or tie them (flat) into bundles no bigger than 3x3 square. Open boxes may not get recycled, but will get you ticketed. (Open boxes are an invitation for passersby to throw trash in them!)
- No Styrofoam - the city cannot recycle it! Take the packing material out of those boxes and bag it up with your trash

Blue bins are discouraged by the city, as they cause too many problems. Papers blow out. Bins get kicked/knocked over. They filled with trash by passersby. The best solution is to buy a second kitchen garbage can of any size, line it with a clear plastic bag, and keep it next to the kitchen trash can. On trash day gather trash bag and clear bag and take both to the street.

Grab a broom!

- Trash collectors miss collecting everything? Call 3-1-1
- Trash collectors miss some small things? Pick/sweep it up.
- If pickers/animals/others have torn open your trash bags, clean it up and re-bag it. Yah, it stinks, but the Sanitation workers will not pick up scattered, lose trash
- Sweep your sidewalk debris into the street the day before street sweeping
- Businesses – help us out by sweeping in front of your business regularly!

If everyone kept their sidewalks clean, we would have a beautiful neighborhood!!

City trash web site: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/publicworks/wastereduction/>

Trash regulations: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/publicworks/wastereduction/regulations.asp>



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Trash properly secured. Recycling bagged & in container. Boxes collapsed (mostly)



Lose items, papers knocked over
Boxes not flattened



Open, unapproved trash bags



Papers will blow away - use clear bags



Improper bags, recycling not bagged, boxes open