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§ 287-3. Storage of refuse.

- A. No person may place refuse on any street, sidewalk, park or other public place except in city litter receptacles or in plastic bags or refuse containers for collection in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- B. No person may place, deposit or accumulate refuse upon or within any private property except in plastic bags or refuse containers in accordance with that provision of this article.
- C. No person may deposit refuse in a stream, brook or any other body of water.
- D. It shall be the duty of owners of real property to prevent the accumulation of refuse upon the sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- E. No person may place household refuse, construction or demolition refuse or street dirt into city litter receptacles.
- F. It shall be the duty of owners of vacant real property to maintain such property free of refuse, brush, weeds, tree stumps and other noxious plants.
- G. No owner of real property may permit the growth of brush, weeds or other noxious plants to a height of six inches or more upon or within his or her property or upon the sidewalk adjacent to his or her property.
- H. No owner of real property may permit the storage in areas zoned residential of any bulky household items such as appliances, furniture or mattresses, except in a fully enclosed structure. **[Added 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839]**
- I. No owner of real property may permit the storage of tires in areas zoned residential, except in a fully enclosed structure. **[Added 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839]**

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§ 287-6. Private disposal of refuse.

The following shall provide for the collection, haulage and disposal of their own refuse in accordance with the provisions of this article and all other applicable laws and regulations:

- A. Industrial and institutional buildings.
- B. Buildings owned, operated or occupied by the county, state or United States Government.
- C. Restaurants and other places of business selling food for consumption on the premises.
- D. Private hospitals.
- E. Persons engaged in construction, repair or demolition work.
- F. Stores and commercial buildings generating in excess of six thirty-gallon containers, or its equivalent, of refuse per collection period.
- G. Buildings located within off-street shopping centers, regardless of the amount of refuse generated.
- H. Generators of hazardous waste. Each and every generator of hazardous waste is jointly and severally liable for ensuring that such hazardous waste is handled and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local and state statutes and regulations. **[Added 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839; 6-14-1995 by Ord. No. 95-050]**
- I. Generators of regulated medical waste regulated by the Comprehensive Regulated Medical Waste Management Act, L. 1989, c. 34 (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-48.1 et seq.) and the regulations promulgated under its authority.* **[Added 11-8-1989 by Ord. No. McC-27]**

* **Editor's Note: The regulations are presently codified as N.J.A.C. 7:26-3A et seq.**

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§ 287-7. Precollection procedures.

- A. Ashes shall be soaked in water and placed in receptacles separate from those used for garbage and rubbish.
- B. Wet rubbish and garbage shall be drained of all liquids and wrapped in paper before being placed in receptacles for collection.
- C. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, lumber and similar material shall be cut to lengths not to exceed four feet each and securely tied in bundles not more than two feet thick.
- D. Objects which because of their size or shape do not fit into refuse containers or whose weight exceeds 60 pounds shall be placed out for collection only at such places and at times designated by appointment made with the Incinerator Authority. Doors shall be removed from stoves, ovens, refrigerators and other items which have locking doors.
- E. Newspapers, boxes, cartons and crates shall be collapsed and securely tied in bundles not to exceed two feet in length, height and width and kept separate from other refuse.
- F. Fluorescent and mercury lamps shall be securely and completely wrapped in cardboard or heavy wrapping paper. The words "fluorescent lamp" shall be written on the outer wrapping in large, clear letters.
- G. Hazardous waste. All generators of hazardous waste must ensure that all storage handling and disposal criteria are met and in accordance with all applicable local and state statutes and regulations. **[Added 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839]**
- H. Medical waste. All generators of medical waste must ensure that all storage handling and disposal criteria are met and in accordance with all applicable local and state statutes and regulations. **[Added 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839]**

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§ 287-8. Refuse receptacles, approved containers and plastic bags. [Amended 2-24-1981 by Ord. No. S-583; 10-27-1988 by Ord. No. C-839; 11-8-1989 by Ord. No. McC-27]

A. There shall be provided for each premises disposable plastic bags or refuse containers sufficient in size and number to hold the refuse accumulating between collections.

B. If plastic bags are used they shall be waterproof and capable of holding their contents without leakage, spillage or tearing. Plastic bags containing refuse shall be kept securely sealed or tied so as to prevent leakage or spillage. No plastic bag may be used for the disposal of refuse which contains the words "Asbestos" or "Bio-Hazardous" or any similar markings or logo. The city or its designated contractor may refuse to collect any refuse contained in bags so labeled or marked.

C. Refuse containers shall not be smaller than 10 gallons nor larger than 32 gallons and shall be constructed of material capable of holding refuse without leakage or spillage. Refuse containers shall be provided with handles so as to be suitable for collection by one person.

D. Refuse containers which do not conform to this article or which have ragged or sharp edges or any defect likely to injure or hamper the person collecting their contents shall be immediately replaced upon notice to the owner, tenant or occupant of the premises by any member of the Jersey City Incinerator Authority. The Incinerator Authority may refuse collection of any container or plastic bag which weighs more than 60 pounds or which has not been replaced upon notice.

E. Refuse containers containing refuse shall be kept tightly closed between collections.

F. No person may use a refuse receptacle, dumpster or demolition container for refuse storage or collection without the consent of the owner thereof.

G. Refuse containers shall not be filled higher than four inches from the top edge.

H. Refuse receptacles shall be stored only in areas designated for storage between collections. They shall be placed adjacent to the curb in front of the premises or other area designated for collection no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day before collection and shall be promptly returned to the storage area upon collection. Refuse receptacles shall not be stored in front of buildings or houses between collections. No one shall place refuse on the sidewalk or in front of any premises for private collection between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. no one shall place refuse on the sidewalk or in front of any premises for private collection more than one hour before the scheduled time of collection.

I. Itinerant food peddlers shall provide refuse receptacles in readily accessible locations for the use of customers. Receptacles shall be emptied as often as necessary to prevent spillage of refuse and shall be removed upon changing locations.

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§ 287-20. Owners of business premises; food refuse. [Amended 3-24-1988 by Ord. No. C-697; 7-13-1988 by Ord. No. C-780; 6-22-1989 by Ord. No. C-1000]

A. No person owning or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying places of business shall keep the sidewalk in front of their business free of litter.

B. Each place of business which sells food for both on- and off-premises consumption shall provide for its customers sufficient and suitable receptacles for the disposal of food refuse, food-related litter and any other wastes associated with the consumption of the specific items of food sold by the business premises. Such receptacles shall be constructed of size and material capable of holding any deposited matter without leakage or spillage and shall be placed in locations convenient for use by customers.

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§ 287-19. Depositing litter in public places.

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.*

* **Editor's Note: See also Ch. 81, Advertising Materials, and Ch. 296, Streets and Sidewalks.**

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§ 287-27. Handbills.

No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any sidewalk,* street or other public place.

*** Receptacles shall be as required in § 287-8. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.**

C. The receptacles shall be kept within the building or in the rear of the premises until the time for the removal of the substances, when the receptacles shall be placed on the sidewalk close to the curb. All receptacles shall remain so placed until the contents thereof shall have been removed by the designated agency, immediately after which the reusable receptacles shall be returned to the building or to the rear of the premises where the reusable receptacles shall be kept, at all times, covered with a tight-fitting cover.

D. Newspapers, wrapping paper or other light refuse and rubbish likely to be blown or scattered about the streets shall be securely bundled, tied or packed before being placed for removal, and such newspapers, wrapping paper and other light refuse and rubbish, as well as all other refuse and rubbish, shall be kept within the building or in the rear of the premises until the time for the removal thereof, when they shall be placed as the receptacles hereinbefore mentioned are required to be placed.

E. No receptacle or refuse or rubbish shall be placed as to constitute or contribute to the creation of a nuisance.

F. Every tenant in one- and two-family houses shall provide himself with the approved receptacles as set forth herein.