



Household Trash: Proper Storage Between Collection Times

The Borough of Dormont Code requires each owner and occupant of a property to provide a sufficient number of containers for the storage and disposal of trash and recyclable items between times of collection service. Improper storage of household trash can provide a source of food and a home for rodents and insects and may result in a health nuisance. The following steps must be taken to prevent the harborage of rodents and insects on a property and to protect the public health of a community.

The owners and occupants of a property are responsible for ensuring the following requirements are met until trash collection service occurs:

1. **Approved Garbage Containers:** A durable, leak-proof container with a tight fitting lid is an approved container for the storage and disposal of trash and garbage between times of trash collection service. The owner and occupant of a property are responsible for providing a sufficient number of garbage containers with lids for the proper storage and disposal of household trash. **Containers must be sealed or covered at all times.**

2. **Size/Quantity:** Garbage containers must be sufficient in size and must be provided in adequate numbers to prevent overflow of household trash between times of trash collection service.

3. **Use of Plastic Trash Bags:** Plastic trash bags are subject to breakage by birds, dogs, cats and rodents. Plastic bags alone are not approved for the storage and disposal of household trash. A leak-proof plastic bag used in combination with approved containers is the recommended method for the storage of household trash.

4. **Storing Garbage Containers:** With the exception of pickup days when the containers are placed out for collection, the containers shall be properly stored on the owners or occupants premises at all times.

If a property owner or tenant fails to comply, the Borough of Dormont may issue a warning, notice of violation or citation. Failure to comply with the proper storage and disposal of household trash constitutes a violation of the International Property Maintenance Code. Please follow these codes to maintain a safer community and keep Dormont beautiful.

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