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Helpful Tips, Reminders, and Information From the SOSNA Clean and Green Committee

Dear Neighbor(s),

If you are new to the neighborhood, "Welcome!" Here is some information, based on City Guidelines, to help keep our neighborhood and streets clean and green.

Trash/Recycling Tips

- If you see **litter** in front of your home, please pick it up. Thank you.
- Do not put **recyclables** out in paper bags since they easily rip open. Use blue plastic bins. And rinse out your recyclable cans and bottles. *See the Streets Department link below or call (215) 686-5444.*
- **Pizza Boxes** (the grease), **plastic bags** and **packing foam** cannot be recycled; they should be put in with the regular trash.
- After most holidays the **trash is collected** a day later, *please refer to the Streets Department link below for dates.*
- **Cardboard boxes** should be broken down and tied up; and, help your Sanitation crew by not laying them flat on the sidewalk doing collection day.
- Used **mattresses** must be wrapped in mattress bags (available at local hardware stores) when placed curbside. *(Did you know? Philly consistently ranks in the Top 3 cities for bed bugs - let's keep our sanitation workers safe out there!)*
- **Electronics and hazardous waste** are not collected curbside, but you can drop these off for free at a Sanitation Convenience Center (*check the Streets Department website below for policies and locations*). You can also drop off e-waste (i.e. electronics) for FREE at eForce in Grays Ferry (1229 S. Napa Street, 19146)
- And in general, help your hardworking and fast-moving sanitation workers by keeping your trash neat, organized and secure where it will not fall out when picked up by our fast-moving sanitation crews. They really must hustle to complete their routes in a timely fashion.

Dogs

- Please be mindful of your neighbor's property and do not put "**doggie bags**" in other people's trash. Your dog's poop belongs in YOUR trash, not your neighbor's. And remember, dog urine kills plants/trees – *see linked article below.*

Alleys

- Please keep the **alleyway** behind your house clear of weeds and debris. These pathways are our responsibility, like the front sidewalks, and are designed for utility line access as well as emergency services such as police and fire. It is also another means of escape in the event of a fire emergency.
- If you are interested in an alley cleanup, you may contact SOSNA or your Clean Block Officer (Block Captain) for supplies.
- For alley cleanups there are additional resources available through CLIP (*link below*) if you have volunteers organized in advance.

Trees

- If you'd like a **street tree**, contact the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (<https://pg-cloud.com/phs/?openform=request-a-tree>).
- Your street tree will do best if the tree pit is free of pavers, trash, etc., so that rain water can get to the roots, and if it is protected from car doors, dogs, etc.

Handy Websites

City of Philadelphia Streets Department - www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-streets

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society - www.phsonline.org

CLIP - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/community-life-improvement-program/>

<https://slate.com/technology/2023/10/dog-pee-plants-new-york-city-bad-cars.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/combined-sewer-overflows-csos> and <https://water.phila.gov/maps/csocast/>

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