

Trash Regulations

Please be aware of the regulations to avoid fines.

IPMC § 306 BALTIMORE CITY REVISED CODE

12/05/07 -184-306.2 Bulk trash. If discarded or abandoned articles are too large to be disposed of in required receptacles, they must be conveyed to an appropriate landfill or other approved disposal site.

306.3 No deposit on sidewalks, etc. No trash, garbage, or debris may be deposited on any sidewalk, alley, or street or on any public or private lot, except as specified in §§ 306.4 through 306.7 of this chapter.

306.4 Storage receptacles – Required. Trash, garbage, or debris may not be stored or placed out for collection except in approved storage receptacles. The owner or operator of every occupied premises must supply a sufficient number of these storage receptacles to receive and store trash, garbage, and debris from individual units between days of collection. The receptacles must be provided in a location accessible to occupants.

306.5 Storage receptacles – Location. If, in the opinion of the Code Official, the exterior maintenance of storage receptacles is causing nuisance or blight, the Code Official may require that, between days of collection, the receptacles be stored:

1. inside the building they serve, or
2. in the discretion of the Code Official, within a contiguous structure.

306.6 Storage receptacles – Construction and maintenance. Each storage receptacle must be:

1. made of metal or some other durable material approved by the Code Official,
2. watertight, with tight-fitting covers and handles,
3. maintained in good repair,
4. kept tightly closed to prevent blight, nuisance, pest infestation, and dispersal of trash, garbage, or debris, and
5. have a capacity of:
 - a. not less than 3 gallons, and
 - b. not more than:
 - i. 10 gallons, if used for garbage only, or
 - ii. 20 gallons, if used for mixed refuse, as defined in City Code Article 23, § 2-1.

306.7 Placement for collection. Storage receptacles:

1. may not be placed out for collection on a sidewalk or along an alley earlier than the morning of the day of collection, and
2. must be returned promptly to the premises after collection.

Below is a separate code in the Baltimore city Codes, Article 23 Sanitation which also defines limitations on receptacles.

ART. 23, § 4-1 BALTIMORE CITY CODE 12/31/03 SUBTITLE 4 RECEPTACLES ON COLLECTION DAYS

§ 4-1. General prohibition.

Except as specifically provided in this subtitle, no person may have, keep, or maintain on any street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the City, any box, bin, barrel, or other receptacle for the reception of garbage, ashes, litter, or rubbish of any sort.

(City Code, 1950, art. 31, §8(1st sen.)(1st cl.); 1966, art. 23, §8(1st sen.)(1st cl.); 1976/83, art. 23, §8(a.) (Ord. 48-473; Ord. 99-548.)

§ 4-2. Placement on sidewalk for collection.

(a) In general. To facilitate the removal of garbage, ashes, litter, or rubbish on regularly scheduled collection days, the occupant of any premises may:

(1) place suitable receptacles containing garbage, etc., on the sidewalk:

(i) in the rear of the premises; or

(ii) if the rear is not accessible to the collection vehicle, in front or on the side of the premises; and

(2) allow the receptacles to remain until the garbage, etc., has been collected.

(b) Limitation. No receptacle, however, whether filled or empty, may be placed or permitted to remain on any sidewalk for any period longer than necessary under the circumstances at any particular property.

(City Code, 1950, art. 31, §8(1st sen.) (2nd cl.); 1966.