

# DON'T LET YOUR TRASH BREED RODENTS

Updated rules for dealing with trash will help keep DC clean, safe, and healthy—and prevent rodents!

Here are key tips to remember:



All dumpsters and bins must have tight-fitting lids. Keep them closed!

Replace any dumpsters or bins that have holes or cracks to keep rodents out.

Waste should not be overflowing from your dumpsters and bins. Consider adjusting the frequency of pick-ups and/or resizing your bins if overflow is a recurring issue.

## Recycling is required by law.

Commercial properties—restaurants, stores, and residential buildings—are required to supply accessible recycling containers, post signs showing what to place in the recycling bin, and communicate how and what to recycle to tenants/customers.

## Trash should be bagged. Recyclables should not be bagged.

While not preferred, commercial properties may use clear bags to line facility recycling bins for operational purposes. Please check with your recycling hauler regarding acceptance of plastic bin liners before using them.

All recyclables should be clean and empty. Leftover food should be placed in the trash.

Your hauler must be registered in DC.

**Need additional help managing your trash or preventing rodents?  
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