

Street Clean-up/Untidy Premises

CityPlan

Riley Park/South Cambie **RPSC**

The City's Role

This fact sheet outlines how clean-up services are provided in Vancouver.

Street and Sidewalk Clean-up

- City crews do mechanical sweeping of major streets in the downtown once a week. Major streets outside the downtown are swept twice a month. Residential streets are swept twice a year on average.
- City crews remove litter once a day on major streets downtown and once a week on major streets outside the downtown.
- The City removes more than 200,000 illegally placed posters from utility poles each year.

Street Litter Containers

- There are approximately 820 City litter containers on streets. In the downtown, litter containers are emptied nightly. Outside the downtown, litter containers are emptied 5 times a week in the summer, and 3 times a week in the winter.
- Individual businesses, business associations or BIA's can put out and empty their own litter containers. They can also hire contractors to do additional cleaning and litter removal.

Litter Containers in Parks

Litter containers in City parks and on beaches are emptied by Park Board crews. Frequency of service varies with season and need.

Abandoned Garbage in Streets & Lanes

The City does limited collection of abandoned garbage in streets and lanes, as needed. Phone (604) 323-7710 for more information.

Engineering Services is currently running a Garbage Education and Enforcement Pilot Project to address illegal dumping and littering concerns throughout the City. For more information call (604) 871-6544.

Abandoned Vehicles on the Street or in Lanes

Call Parking Enforcement at 257-8709.

Untidy Premises

Landowners in the City of Vancouver are required by law to maintain their property and keep it free of junk, debris, discarded material and wrecked or dismantled vehicles. Businesses are also expected to keep the sidewalks in front of, and the lane behind their premises free of litter. Buildings must also be kept in a state of good repair.

In cases where owners do not comply with the Untidy Premises By-law, the City has the right to fine the owner and take them to court. In extreme cases, the City may hire a contractor to clean up the property, and charge the owner a fee for the service. In some cases the City may pursue injunctive court action.

For further information about the Untidy Premises or Standards of Maintenance By-law, call the City's Property Use Inspection Branch at (604) 873-7398.

Graffiti - Abatement Program

City departments, as well as the Park Board and School Board remove graffiti on a daily basis as part of regular maintenance.

The City's Graffiti Management Program Makes resources available to you and your neighbours to prevent and remove graffiti in your community.

For more information call the Graffiti Management Program at (604) 871-6300. To report graffiti call the Graffiti Hotline at (604) 871-7161 and for illegal posters call (604) 873-7162.

Keep Vancouver Spectacular

In May each year, the City sponsors the "Keep Vancouver Spectacular" program. This city-wide clean-up campaign brings together individuals, businesses, neighbourhood and environmental groups to increase community stewardship of the local environment.

The City provides bags, gloves, and other equipment and supplies. Community organizations and Block Watch programs recruit volunteers to clean up their neighbourhoods.

For more information phone the Keep Vancouver Spectacular Hotline at (604) 871-6544.

Sources

- Standards of Maintenance By-law (#5462)
- Untidy Premises By-law (#4548)