

Street Clean-up/Untidy Premises



Mount Pleasant

City of Vancouver
Community
planning program

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 1,300 City litter containers on streets. Litter containers are emptied nightly.

Individual businesses, business associations, or BIA's can put out and empty their own litter containers but should contact the Streets Administration Branch. Businesses should schedule routine cleanings around their premises (store front, parking area and commercial garbage container). 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.

The City does limited collection of abandoned garbage in streets and lanes, as needed. Phone 604-326-4600 for more information.

Abandoned Garbage in Streets & Lanes

Illegal dumping can be reported by calling 604-326-4600 or online at www.vancouver.ca/engsvcs/solidwaste/abandon/report.

Abandoned Vehicles on the Street or in Lanes

Call Parking Enforcement at 604-257-8709.

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. It also creates new avenues for graffiti writers and other artists to display their work.

For general information call the Graffiti Management Program at 604-873-7798 or visit www.vancouver.ca/graffiti. To report graffiti call the Graffiti Hotline at 604-873-7161 and for illegal posters, call 604-873-7741.

Keep Vancouver Spectacular (KVS)

In May each year, the City sponsors the "Keep Vancouver Spectacular" program. This city-wide clean-up campaign brings together individuals, businesses, corporations, neighbourhoods, and environmental groups to increase community stewardship of the local environment. In May 2007, 13,500 volunteers in 130 groups filled up over 6,000 garbage bags with litter.

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

Each year the City presents four "Golden Dust Pan" awards to groups or individuals who stood out in their commitment to their communities and embodied the Spirit of KVS. The 2007 winners

include Collingwood Community Policing Centre who initiated a 6-month pilot adopt-a-block litter cleanup program in Mount Pleasant.

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)