



City of Seattle

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Seattle Public Utilities

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Dear Business Owner:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is issuing a Draft Administrative Rule for public comment that may impact you **if you have a dumpster or container for garbage or recycling which is currently stored in the public alleys or on the curb of the Downtown, Belltown or Pioneer Square areas.** The Draft Rule pertains to garbage, recycling and compostables container and bag placement at the curb or in public alleys throughout the City, however, it has particular significance for the Downtown, Belltown and Pioneer Square areas in 2009. All of these locations are Designated Business Districts for the “Clear Alleys” Program starting **March 30, 2009** which sets restrictions on how long before and after collection containers can be in public alleys and offers a prepaid bag service as an alternative.

A short summary of the Draft Administrative Rule is to be found on the back page of this letter. In addition, a copy of the Draft Administrative Rule itself and a map of the combined Downtown, Belltown and Pioneer Square Designated Business District boundaries are included in this mailing. If you wish to submit your comments on the Draft Rule or questions about the “Clear Alleys” program please e-mail them to SPUClearAlleys@Seattle.Gov by **January 21, 2009**.

You may also contact Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner at (206) 386-9772 if you have comments on the proposed Draft Rule or questions about the upcoming “Clear Alleys” Program. A “Frequently Asked Questions” document regarding the upcoming “Clear Alleys” Program is also to be found in this mailing. All of these documents will soon be available in various language translations on a new SPU website page devoted to this program.

Thank you for your input on the Draft Administrative Rule during this busy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Timothy Croll
Solid Waste Director
Seattle Public Utilities