



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

WARNING LETTER

March 5, 2024



It has come to the attention of the City Solid Waste Dept. that there is a violation of the City Garbage Ordinance at your property. Below, we have checked off the areas that are in violation. **This letter serves as a WARNING. If these problems are not corrected within seven days, a \$25 - \$50 citation may be issued for each day you are in violation.**

- ☐ Garbage is not being stored in garbage containers, with tight fitting lids, between days of collection. Garbage must be stored in the City provided container or watertight containers that do not exceed 33 gallons in capacity. Property owner is responsible for providing garbage containers to tenants (one container per residential unit).
- ☐ Garbage containers and/or recycle containers are placed out at the curb too late/early. Garbage or recycling containers must be placed at the curb prior to 6AM the day of collection, but not prior to noon the day before collection. **All containers and rejected items must be removed from the curb no later than noon the day after collection.**
- ☒ Garbage and/or recycle containers are not being stored correctly. City provided garbage or recycling carts need to be stored in a place that is at least 10 foot back from the front corner of the house or sheltered from street view. All containers and rejected items must be removed from the curb no later than noon the day after collection.
- ☐ Debris has been scattered at the collection site. All scattered debris must be cleaned up immediately. Remember that all debris that has been cleaned up must be stored in a watertight container. Do not put the debris in a plastic bag and leave it set out at the collection site for the following week. Animals and rodents could possibly tear open the bag and scatter the debris again.
- ☐ Limbs and branches are piled up at the collection site. Piles such as this will harbor rats. All branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter, cut down to 3 feet in length, and bundled with string or twine for collection with the garbage. Bundles cannot exceed 60 lbs.
- ☐ Construction debris is over the 60 lb. limit. Only 60 lbs. (in total) of remodel debris can be set out for collection per week. 60 lbs. is equal to roughly 3 garbage bags worth of debris. All construction debris must be containerized in cans, bags, or bundles. Bundles cannot exceed 3 feet in length. Residents cannot set out a pile of construction and

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- ☐ remodel debris and expect the garbage collectors to take a little each week. This is NOT acceptable. Large amounts of debris will need to be disposed of separately from the regular garbage through a private hauler.
- ☐ Tenant moved out and left a pile of debris at the collection site. Landowner has 7 days to remove debris from property. City garbage collection does not include move outs or clean outs. If the City Utility account is not open, City crews will not take the debris.
- ☐ Electronics cannot be set out for collection, please contact the Allen County Solid Waste Management District at 449-7878 to dispose of properly. See enclosed information.
- ☐ 311 COMPLAINT:

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if our information is incorrect, please call the City Solid Waste Department at 427-2544. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Solid Waste Department