



The City of New York
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Dear Licensee:

The theft of cardboard, metals, and other recyclables is a serious problem in New York City. Recycling theft, or “poaching,” presents a significant problem for the Business Integrity Commission and the trade waste industry as a whole. Cardboard and other recyclable materials are commodities that often have considerable value. The theft of these materials results in the loss of revenue for licensed trade waste carting companies. Additionally, recycling theft is linked to other kinds of theft and other criminal activities, and can lead to an increased criminal presence within the industry.

Stealing recyclables (cardboard and metals) is a crime, and the Business Integrity Commission takes this issue very seriously. The Commission has mounted a strong enforcement effort to put a stop to this illegal activity. Anyone found stealing cardboard or metals will be subject to arrest and prosecution. Possible penalties include significant civil and criminal fines and imprisonment. The Business Integrity Commission has already made numerous arrests related to the theft of recyclables, and will continue to make every effort to combat this crime.

The Business Integrity Commission wants to encourage all licensees to help fight the theft of recyclable materials. If you have seen recycling theft happen, or want to report suspicious or illegal activity, call the Business Integrity Complaint Line at: (212) 676-6300; or visit the BIC website at www.nyc.gov/bic and click on “Contact BIC.”

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Michael J. Mansfield
Commissioner/Chair