



Bureau of Food Control

The Bureau of Food Control licenses and regulates over 5,000 food facilities in Baltimore City. Its mission is to ensure that all food sold and served within Baltimore City is safe for consumption. Specifically, food prepared for sale or served on the premises or elsewhere; or consumed, manufactured, processed, stored, packaged, handled, distributed, or sold is regulated by the Bureau of Food.

"Food" includes:

- Ice
- Beverages (non-alcoholic); and
- Chewing gum or any substance used as component of chewing gum

Examples of businesses we license and inspect:

- Restaurants
- Grocery stores
- Mobile food carts
- Bars/taverns
- Market stalls (example: Lexington Market)
- Public and private schools
- Caterers
- Special event food vendors
- Day care centers
- Summer camps
- Bakeries
- Church kitchens

Baltimore City Health Code for Food Service Facilities

Section 6-506: Litter and Rubbish Prohibitions (for food service facilities)

In general each food service facility must keep its entire premises, including all abutting sidewalks, alleys, footpaths, gutters, and other public rights-of-way, free of litter and rubbish.

Section 7-221: Hours of collection for all commercial facilities

Except in certain circumstances, no hauler or any other person may collect solid waste in the City at any time before 7 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day, weekends and legal holidays included.

Nonresidential areas- A licensed hauler may collect solid waste at any time from a business, commercial, industrial, institutional, or other nonresidential use structure as long as no residential structure is within 300 feet of any collection point.

Complaints

Citizens should immediately contact 311 or www.baltimorecity.gov with any complaints about food service facilities, trash or code violations. For Health Department issues related to food service facilities, or to contact a food control supervisor, please call 410-396-4424.



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Code Enforcement- Inspection Section

As we strive toward a cleaner and healthier Baltimore, it is important that all residents and businesses conduct themselves in a manner that is in alignment with the sanitation codes of our city. Below you will find a brief description and the actual Baltimore City Building, Fire, and related codes as it relates to exterior maintenance.

Section 306 Exterior Sanitary Maintenance – Trash, Garbage and Debris

Section 306.1 Accumulation

All premises, including abutting sidewalks, gutters, and alleys, as well as the interior of every structure, must be kept free of any accumulation of trash, garbage, and debris, including any animal waste, construction material, equipment, furniture, appliances, and similar objects and materials.

Section 306.2 “Bulk Trash deposit”

If discarded or abandoned articles are too large to be disposed of in required receptacles, they must be conveyed to an appropriate landfill or other approved disposal site.

Section 306.3 “No deposit on sidewalk, alley, street or lot.”

No trash, garbage, or debris may be deposited on any sidewalk, alley, or street or on any public or private lot, except as specified in §§ 306.4 through 306.7 of this chapter.

Section 306.4 “Trash not stored in a can.”

Trash, garbage, or debris may not be stored or placed out for collection except in approved storage receptacles. The owner or operator of every occupied premise must arrange for a sufficient number of these storage receptacles to receive and store trash, garbage, and debris from individual units between days of collection. The receptacles must be maintained in a location accessible to occupants.

Section 306.6 “Proper storage container.”

306.6.1.1 General. Each storage receptacle must:

1. be made of metal or some other durable material approved by the Code Official,
2. be watertight, with tight-fitting covers and handles, and
3. have a capacity of not more than 32 gallons.

306.6.1.2. Exceptions.

1. Receptacles used for recycling need not have covers.
2. Yard waste may be bagged or bundled.

306.6.2. Maintenance. Each storage receptacle must be:

1. maintained in good repair, and
2. kept tightly closed to prevent blight, nuisance, pest infestation, and dispersal of trash, garbage, or debris.

Section 306.7 “Placement for collection.”

1. should be placed out for collection no later than 6 a.m. of the day of collection,
2. may not be placed out on any sidewalk or along an alley earlier than 6 p.m. of the evening before the day of collection, and
3. if placed on a sidewalk or along an alley, must be returned to the premises no later than 6 a.m. on the day after collection.

**For other questions or concerns, please visit our website:
www.BaltimoreHousing.org/code_enforcement**