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Helpful Tips, Reminders, Information From SOSNA Clean & Green Committee

| Dear Neighbors,

If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome, and if you have been here a bit (or even for many years), here is some information, which may be helpful.

We appreciate your efforts in helping to keep the neighborhood clean and safe (so if you see some trash in front of your home, please pick it up).

Trash/Recycling

- Do not put recyclables in paper bags (blue plastic bins are the best) since they easily break open, especially on windy, rainy days (recycling bins and stickers are available at SOSNA office or hardware store).
- Electronics are not collected curbside (check the Streets department website below for policy).
- Used mattresses must be wrapped in mattress bags (available at local hardware stores) when placed curbside.
- Pizza boxes and plastic bags **cannot** be recycled, they should be put in with the regular trash.
- Remember to rinse out your recyclable cans and bottles, no garbage please.
- After some holidays the trash is collected a day later, please refer to the link below for dates.
- Cardboard boxes should be broken down and tied up.
- Help your hardworking sanitation employees by keeping your trash neat and organized!

Dogs

- Please do not put “doggie bags” in other people’s trash and certainly not in recycling bins (it would be disrespectful of the recycling process and your dog’s poop belongs in **your** trash, not your neighbor’s).

Your Sidewalk

- You are responsible for clearing the snow from your sidewalk within 24 hours (ideally) of a snowfall or you may be fined.

Street Trees

- Please rake the leaves in the fall, it would greatly help the community. Bags are usually available at the SOSNA office.
- Your street tree will do best if it is open and free of pavers, etc. so rain water can get to the roots.
- If you’d like a street tree, contact SOSNA (website below).

Alleys

- Please keep the alley behind your house clear of weeds and debris. These pathways are our responsibility like the front sidewalks and are designed for utility line access as well as emergency services such as police and fire. It is also another means of escape for life safety in the event of a fire emergency. It will do community members best if it is open and free of obstacles for these important services.
- if you are interested in an alley cleanup, you may contact SOSNA or your clean block rep for supplies
- there are additional resources available through C.L.I.P. for alley cleanups if you have volunteers organized in advance

Handy Numbers and Websites:

South of South Neighborhood Association (SOSNA) - southofsouth.org

City of Philadelphia Streets Department for trash collection/dates and much more: philadelphiastreet.com

All these resources in one place: cleanphl.org

Call 311 or Download the 311 App (Android & iPhone) if your trash/recycling is not picked up to request pick-up.