



The City of Poughkeepsie
Department of Public Works—Sanitation and Violations Division
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Updated Sanitation Ordinance

March 16, 2010

The City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances was again amended to include the following changes to Section 1, Chapter 9, Section 20(a) and will take effect **June 15, 2010**:

- All garbage shall be placed in plastic bags within watertight containers of sufficient construction to contain the contents.
- Garbage cans should be no larger than 33 gallons and should weigh less than 75 pounds when filled. The use of lids on cans is highly encouraged.
- Approved containers may be those made from galvanized steel, aluminum, plastic or other waterproof and weatherproof material. They must taper from top to bottom, be fitted with handles or bails. The container shall be of sufficient size to contain the contents inside and the contents of the container shall not be higher than the height of the container.
- Properties located on Main Street between Waryas Park and the Town of Poughkeepsie line may use plastic bags instead of garbage cans. However, bags must have a capacity of not less than fifteen (15) gallons and not more than thirty-two (32) gallons. They must be strong enough to hold the contents inside and free from tears or leakage. Bags must be tied to prevent spillage when placed at the collection location.
- Prohibited container shall include garbage bags except for those properties located on Main Street between Waryas Park and the Town of Poughkeepsie line. Also prohibited are metal drums, fiber or paperboard drums, barrels, paper shopping bags, cardboard boxes or containers having sharp or jagged exposures.
- Anyone violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine in City Court or a civil penalty not to exceed \$25. Each separate act of placing or depositing or causing to be placed or deposited a prohibited container at the curb for pick-up shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation punishable by a separate and additional fine and/or penalty.

For additional information, please contact Scott Johnson at (845) 451-4107.



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