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## **NOTICE**

### **Trash Disposal and Pest Control in the District of Columbia**

The Department of State wishes to provide all International Organizations information regarding disposal of trash from office premises and all properties International Organizations own in the District of Columbia.

As a beneficiary of exemption from real estate taxes for properties owned in the District of Columbia, all International Organizations are required to independently contract with a trash and recycling removal service to ensure all trash is stored properly and removed on a regular basis.

International Organizations are informed that utilizing public trash cans to dispose of garbage from their properties is in violation of District of Columbia code 24 DCMR 1009.1 Improper Use of Public Litter Receptacle. More information regarding District of Columbia Solid Waste and Sanitation Regulations can be found at: <https://dpw.dc.gov/page/solid-waste-reg-21-7>.

The Department encourages International Organizations to contact the Department of Public Works' Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program at [dpw@dc.gov](mailto:dpw@dc.gov) or 202-645-7190 to discuss the District of Columbia's sanitation rules.

In addition, in order to control rodents in the District of Columbia, it is important that trash is contained in covered receptacles prior to disposal. Comprehensive information on rodent control may be found at the following link: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/rodent-control>. International Organization personnel are encouraged to call 311 to report rodent sightings in the District of Columbia.

Inquiries regarding this matter may be directed to the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) at 202-895-3500, option 5, or to [OFMProperty@state.gov](mailto:OFMProperty@state.gov).