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BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION
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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

To all BIC licensees:

The City of New York's Business Integrity Commission (BIC) and the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) have updated the rules private trade waste haulers and their customers must follow with regard to commercial recycling set-out and collection procedures. The commercial recycling law went into effect on August 6, 2016, and it will be enforced beginning on August 1, 2017. In addition to the new commercial recycling rules, the City also implemented new commercial organic rules applicable to large-scale commercial food establishments and the carters that service those establishments. To view a copy of those final rules, please visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/bic/html/rules/rules.shtml>.

As a result of these new procedures, the decals that private trade waste haulers previously used are no longer valid. Therefore, BIC is making available two new decals: one for commercial refuse and recycling collection and one for organics recycling.

Accordingly, all BIC licensees are hereby directed to issue a new decal to those businesses who have a written or oral contract for commercial refuse and recycling collection services. Additionally, any licensee that provides organic waste removal services to a designated covered establishment, as defined by Title 17, Chapter 1 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), Section 1-01, shall issue an organics recycling decal. BIC will require licensees to distribute the new decal(s) to each customer within 90 days after the decals are made available to the industry.

- **To obtain the new decals, schedule an appointment with BIC by calling (212) 437-0565. You will need to provide the number and type of decals you will be purchasing. (Please note, you must schedule an appointment to pick up the decals. No walk-ins will be honored. There will be no exceptions to this rule.)**
- **Refuse and recycling decals are \$21 per 50 decals. At this time, there is no fee for the organic recycling decal. A blank company check, money order, certified check, or company credit card will be accepted for payment.**
- **You must issue the new decal(s) to your customer by June 29, 2017.**

Failure to comply with this Directive may result in administrative penalties and/or fines up to \$10,000 for each violation. See 17 RCNY Section 1-09. Failure to comply with this Directive may also affect your company's licensing status with BIC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel D. Brownell".

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The regulations listed below pertain to decals, which are provided to customers of companies licensed with BIC for the collection, removal or disposal of trade waste:

Pursuant to Title 17, Chapter 1 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), Section 5-01(a),

- “Every licensee shall provide to every recipient of its services a sign or decal which the licensee shall obtain from the Commission. A licensee shall not provide such a sign or decal to a business unless such licensee has entered into an agreement with such business to provide waste removal services. Such sign or decal shall conspicuously and legibly display the name, [], telephone number, number of license and the day and approximate time of waste collection. Such sign or decal must also identify, by type, each designated recyclable material (as defined in section 1-01 of title 16) that will be collected by a licensee and, if applicable, whether a licensee will be using single stream collection and recycling (as defined in section 1-01 of title 16) or co-collection of recyclables (as defined in section 1-01 of title 16). Any licensee that provides organic waste removal services to a designated covered establishment shall also provide a sign or decal that provides the name of the licensee that collects the designated covered establishment's organic waste. Any licensee that provides organic waste removal services to a designated covered establishment shall also provide the designated covered establishment with a sign or decal that states (i) the name of the licensee that collects the designated covered establishment's organic waste; or (ii) that the licensee transports its organic waste to an entity that provides for beneficial organic waste reuse; or (iii) that the licensee provides for on-site processing of organic waste generated at its premises.”

Pursuant to 17 RCNY Section 5-01(b): “Such sign(s) or decal(s) shall be conspicuously posted as prescribed in section 16-116(b) of the Code by the owner, lessee or person in control of the commercial establishment which receives the licensee's services. The licensee shall provide each decal to the customer and shall inform the customer of its obligation to post the decal in accordance with the requirements of section 16-116(b) of the Code.”

Pursuant to 17 RCNY Section 5-01(c): “A licensee shall not charge a fee to any business for a sign or decal issued by the Commission.”

- Decals must be issued to your customers by June 29, 2017.



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FAQs: Commercial Refuse and Recycling and Organics Collection Decals

1) Which of my customers should receive the new Commercial Refuse and Recycling decal?

As per the BIC rules and regulations, a carter must provide a decal to each customer who has a written or oral contract for commercial refuse and recycling collection services.

2) Do I need to purchase decals if my company only collects tires? grease? medical waste?

Yes. You must provide Commercial Refuse/Recycling decals if you have a written or oral contract with a customer to collect trade waste of any kind, including, but not limited to: tires, grease and medical waste. Please write the specific trade waste material that you collect on the decal next to “refuse.”

3) Which of my customers should receive the new Organics Collection decal?

Only *designated covered establishments* are required to obtain the decals. Designated covered establishments are defined in Title 17, Chapter 1 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), Section 1-01.

4) Can I sell the decals to my customers?

No. As per the BIC rules and regulations, you are not allowed to sell either the commercial recycling or organics decal to your customers. You must provide them to your customers free of charge.

5) What is an acceptable collection time to write on the decals?

You must state the day and *approximate time* of waste collection. The Commission's rules do not require the specific time of waste collection – only the approximate time.

6) How do I obtain authorization to perform single-stream recycling collection or co-collection of recyclables?

Please complete the online Commercial Recycling Authorization form, which can be found here: <https://nyc-bic-portal.secure.force.com/recyclingcollectionapp/>

7) If I am authorized to perform single-stream recycling collection and I also provide refuse collection, how do I properly complete the decal?

(1) Check the box that indicates that you are “authorized for Single-Stream” on the upper right corner. (2) Fill out the information under the “Refuse Collection” section. (3) Fill out the “Single-Stream Collection” section.