

**CHAPTER 22**  
**HANDLING OF SOLID WASTE AND PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING**

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**  
**DIVISION 2. SEPARATION, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**Sec. 22-2-16. Improperly stored or separated solid waste.**

It shall be a blight violation for any person to store solid waste in any manner that creates an unsafe, unsanitary or nuisance condition except as otherwise provided in this Code, or to store such waste in anything other than approved containers and in any manner other than provided for in this Code.

**Sec. 22-2-17. Storage and separation of solid waste for collection by city.**

(a) The Department of Public Works shall collect solid waste that is properly stored and properly separated only as follows:

- (1) All solid waste intended for collection shall be drained of all free liquid;
- (2) Domestic solid waste must be stored in covered or closed approved containers;
- (3) Commercial solid waste may be collected by the Department of Public Works, provided that, such waste is stored in a covered or closed approved containers; and
- (4) Commercial solid waste must not be mixed with domestic solid waste

(b) The Director of the Department of Public Works shall have the authority to designate other methods of storage in specified areas.

**DIVISION 5. LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING**

**Sec. 22-2-82. Purpose.**

The purpose and intent of this division is to regulate by civil enforcement, the receipt, storage, processing, reprocessing, and transport of solid waste, medical waste and hazardous waste, and to prevent the improper disposal, or dumping of solid waste, medical waste and hazardous waste within the City of Detroit.

**Sec. 22-2-83. Dumping, storing or depositing solid waste, medical waste, or hazardous waste on any publicly owned property, or private property or water, without permit.**

No person shall dump, store or deposit, or cause to be dumped, stored or deposited, on any publicly owned property, or private property or water, within the City of Detroit any solid waste, medical waste or hazardous waste, except at a waste disposal or storage facility for which a permit or operating license has been properly issued pursuant to the provisions of this Code and state, local, and federal law. Such dumping, storing, or depositing without a permit is declared to be a blight violation.

(a) Dumping, depositing or placing solid waste less than five (5) cubic feet on any private property, right-of-way or surface water or around any approved or portable container, or dumping, solid waste less than five (5) cubic feet from a motor vehicle is littering and is hereby deemed unlawful and subject to the fines and penalties provided for in this Chapter.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in this division, dumping, storing, depositing of solid waste in an amount of five (5) cubic feet or more on any private property, public property, right-of-way or surface water or around any approved or portable container is illegal dumping and is hereby deemed unlawful and subject to the fines and penalties provided for in this Chapter.

(c) Dumping, or depositing solid waste of five (5) cubic feet or more from any motor vehicle upon any public highway, City street, public or private property or water or causing such solid waste to be dumped or deposited from a motor vehicle is illegal dumping and is hereby deemed unlawful and subject to the fines and penalties provided for in this Chapter.

(d) Dumping, storing, depositing or placing medical waste or hazardous waste in any discernable quantity on any private property, public property, right-of-way or surface water or around any approved or portable container is illegal dumping and is hereby deemed unlawful and is subject to the fines and penalties provided for in this Chapter.

(e) Dumping or depositing medical or hazardous waste in any discernable quantity from any motor vehicle upon any public highway, city street, public or private property or water causing such solid waste to be dumped or deposited from any motor vehicle is illegal dumping and is hereby deemed unlawful and is subject to the fines and penalties provided for in this Chapter.

**Sec. 22-2-87. Removal and disposal of solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste before vacation of premises.**

Any owner and/or operator, as defined in section 22-1-1 of this Code, of any private property or water, or any portion thereof, shall be jointly and severally responsible for removing or causing to be removed and properly disposed any solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste before vacating the same.

**Sec. 22-2-88. Duty of owner of vacant or occupied premises to keep premises, its sidewalks, and adjoining public property free from solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste; evidence of ownership and responsibility.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the owner of record of any vacant or occupied premises to keep such premises, its sidewalks, and all adjoining public property between the center of street and one-half (1/2) of an alley, free of solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste at all times. All solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste removed shall be placed in approved containers or removed to a licensed disposal location.

(b) Bulk solid waste or any discernable amount of medical or hazardous waste allowed to lie or accumulate on or about the premises, its sidewalks, and adjoining public property shall be considered illegal dumping and subject to the provisions of Section 22-2-84 and the fines and penalties set forth in this Chapter.

(c) In the absence of a written instrument duly recorded in the County of Wayne Register of Deeds to the contrary between the owner and any person, it shall be prima facie evidence of ownership that the person listed in the tract index of the County Wayne Register of Deeds is the owner and is responsible, at all times, for keeping such premises, its sidewalks and adjoining public property between the center of the street and one-half (1/2) of the alley free of solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste.

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