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Dear Property Owner/ Manager,

Hello from the City of Pittsburgh's Bureau of Environmental Services!

We write to share our Waste & Recycling Fact Sheet to clearly define the City's expectations for renters in Pittsburgh. We know that local rules & regulations can be confusing, and we need your help to share the Pittsburgh specific information with your tenants. This Fact Sheet (*attached*) is required to be included in all lease agreements, and we encourage you to use it to define your expectations, too. The Fact Sheet clarifies:

- **weekly waste collection** day and accepted items
- **bi-weekly recycling collection** information for our single stream program, and accepted items
- **set out & storage** parameters, including the requirement for waste & recycling containers to be neat and tidy at all times

Please remember every owner/ manager must:

- **Provide** durable, watertight containers not exceeding thirty-five (35) gallons for both waste & recycling
- **Establish** a location for containers to be stored away from public right-of-way view (if stored outside during the course of the week)
- **Provide** the accompanying Waste & Recycling Fact Sheet to tenants
- **Maintain** record of the initials on page 4 to provide to the City upon request

As a reminder, the City of Pittsburgh can only collect waste & recycling from residential buildings with five (5) units or fewer. Owners of businesses and/or residential buildings with six (6) or more units are responsible for hiring a private hauler for both waste & recycling.

For more information, please contact our 311 response line or visit us online at PittsburghPA.gov.

Thank you for setting renters up for success to keep your property and our shared public spaces clean!

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