



SAFETY ALERT

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DUMPSTER SANITATION

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In order to minimize fly and maggot infestations, custodial staff should ensure that trash dumpsters are properly maintained and kept in a sanitary condition as follows:

- Dumpster lids should be kept closed at all times except when depositing trash. Missing or bent dumpster lids should be reported to the Truck Operations Section at (213) 763-1493.
- All trash capable of attracting flies and maggots should be contained in securely tied plastic bags prior to placement in dumpsters. In some cases, you may want to double bag the trash.
- When necessary, dumpsters may be sanitized and deodorized by spraying down the interior of the dumpster, and treating the dumpster with the product "Dock-It". This granular deodorant, when used correctly, will discourage the presence of flies and maggots.
- Whenever possible, dumpsters should be placed in a secured area during non-school hours to prevent unauthorized access.

Adherence to the above guidelines will ensure a healthy and pleasant work environment for students and staff.

For further assistance, call your Local District Maintenance and Operations office.