



# KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Tenant Trash Tips

Since April 2015, the Kent Health Department has issued citations resulting from violations of local trash ordinance 521.08. The citations are similar to a parking ticket, because those in violation will immediately be ticketed for non-compliance. The ticket will range from \$10 to \$40 depending on the following:

<b>Ticket Amount</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Details</b>
\$10	Loose litter	Excessive loose litter is scattered throughout the property.
\$10	Improper solid waste storage	Solid waste is not stored properly. Trash shall be stored in a watertight receptacle with a tight-fitting lid. Inadequate size and/or number of storage containers is a violation.
\$10	Solid waste along the curb too early	Solid waste and/or discarded furniture is along the curb outside of the permitted times. Solid waste is not permitted to be along the curb before 7pm the day before collection day.
\$10	Empty containers along the curb too long	Empty solid waste containers or recycle containers are along the curb past 7pm on collection day.

Those in violation of the local trash ordinance will then be given 24 hours to comply or risk a secondary fine of up to \$250. Listed below are tips to ensure that you remain in compliance with all local trash ordinances:

1. Pickup loose litter from the tree lawn, yard, driveway, and porch.
2. Make sure that active trash service is always in place with your provider (Republic, etc.).
3. Know your assigned trash pickup day.
4. Make sure that all trash is stored in a trash can with a tight fitting lid.
5. Make sure that there are enough trash containers available to store all trash.
6. Large trash totes with attached lids and wheels allow for more storage and easier transport.
7. Increase the amount of trash removal if currently inadequate. Unlimited service is available.
8. Make sure that tenants and landlords have a clear understanding the trash responsibilities.
9. Do not take trash/furniture to the curb earlier than 7pm the day before pickup.
10. Retrieve empty trash and recycle containers the same day as pickup.
11. Do not allow trash, furniture, litter, or empty containers to remain on the lawn over 24 hours.
12. Label trash cans and recycle bins with your address
13. If a special pickup is needed (couch, mattress, etc.), call your provider several days in advance of your assigned pickup date to ensure proper removal.

By taking the time to follow the tips listed above, many positive outcomes can occur.

1. Trash violations are avoided
2. Trash fines are avoided
3. Relationships are improved with neighbors, roommates, and landlords
4. Community improvement
5. Environmental health concerns are reduced