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Subj: **2015 Neighborhood Cleanup Box Program**

The Department of Public Works began taking reservations for neighborhood cleanup boxes on March 2, 2015. The 2015 program allows placement of up to 13 boxes each Saturday from April 18th through July 25th. To deter illegal dumping and to maximize the use of the boxes by cleanup organizers, boxes will be placed between 2AM and 10AM on Saturday morning and picked up after 4PM the same day.

The following criteria will be used to screen callers requesting clean up boxes:

- Requestors must organize a neighborhood cleanup prior to reserving a box
- Boxes are only placed on accessible street corners – not on vacant lots or parking surfaces
- Boxes are not placed for businesses, schools or churches
- Boxes will not be relocated once placed – they will be removed if neighbors complain
- Reservations are limited to **2 boxes** per weekend (out of maximum 13 boxes)
- Organizers may only reserve boxes once every eight weeks

The following items are not to be placed in clean up boxes:

- Construction and building material, TVs, electronics & appliances, tires, tree limbs, leaves, grass – these items should be taken to self help for proper recycling or composting
- Recyclables (paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles, steel and aluminum cans) – these items should be taken to self help for proper recycling
- Hazardous Waste (paint thinner, pesticides, used motor oil, etc) – these items should be taken to the HHW site at 3879 W Lincoln on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays for proper handling

Neighborhood groups are encouraged to use these containers to clean up and beautify their communities. Residents who witness private contractors illegally dumping items into cleanup boxes should contact the Police Department at their non emergency number. Cleanup boxes can be reserved by calling Sandy at 286-3345.

