



City of Clawson

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Businesses in Clawson

RE: summer issues

Dear Business Owner,

The advent of warm weather and especially the extremely hot days we have enjoyed lately bring with them a variety of issues which may require special consideration during the summer months. The reason for this letter is to aid you in dealing with these issues in advance so that they do not become problematic for you, your neighbors, or the city. Many times issues stem from garbage, rubbish and dumpsters. When the weather is warm, dumpsters have the potential to cause unpleasant odors and also to attract unwanted vermin and/or rodents. In order to avoid the possibility of this becoming a problem for your business the city would suggest you take the following steps:

- Make sure that your garbage receptacle is closed securely with a lid at all times.
- Make sure that your trash is emptied on a regular basis so that it is not overflowing at any time.
- If necessary increase the number of pick-ups for garbage in order to ensure that trash is never overflowing.
- If you suspect others are utilizing your dumpster or trash receptacle without your permission, consider placing a lock on it so that you can monitor its use.
- Make sure grease traps are clean and sanitary. Under no circumstances should grease and food particles remain on the outside of grease traps.
- If you notice evidence of rodents or vermin contact a licensed exterminator for assistance.

Trash receptacles should be maintained throughout the year in order to avoid problems, but the summer months require extra vigilance. The city will amplify its monitoring and enforcement efforts as well in order to ensure that guidelines are being followed to protect the health, safety and welfare of all residents and businesses in Clawson. Your efforts are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark Pollock
City Manager