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NOTICE:

Staten Island and Midtown South Commercial Waste Zone Implementation

To all Trade Waste Licensees and Registrants:

BIC shares the following information for your awareness as the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) implementation of the Commercial Waste Zones (CWZ) program continues.

As of SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, ONLY ZONE-AUTHORIZED LICENSEES AND LICENSEES WITH A CITY-WIDE CONTAINERIZED AWARD are PERMITTED to service businesses for COMMERCIAL WASTE (INCLUDING ORGANICS AND RECYCLABLES) REMOVAL in STATEN ISLAND and MIDTOWN SOUTH.

The Staten Island zone covers that entire borough. The Midtown South zone covers the following Manhattan neighborhoods: Midtown South, Flatiron, Union Square, Koreatown, and the Garment District.

Be advised:

- Roll-off container service for commercial waste (commercial waste in dumpsters and compactors 10 cubic yards and up that is transported to a transfer, processing, or disposal location in such container) is included in CWZ. Only city-wide containerized awardees, or zone-awardees that offer containerized service, are permitted in implemented zones.
- Commercial waste includes all trade waste **except for** construction and demolition debris; fill material; medical waste; electronic waste; textiles; yard waste collected by landscapers; waste collected by a one-time, on-call bulk waste removal service; grease; paper that is collected for the purpose of shredding or destruction; or waste that is collected by a micro-hauler.
- Construction and demolition debris means waste **generated from building demolition, construction, alteration, or excavation** work. This is excluded from the CWZ Program.

- **Unauthorized commercial waste operations** in those zones are subject to enforcement, including civil penalties of **\$10,000 per violation**.
- **DSNY and BIC are co-enforcing CWZ rules** and carters may receive summonses for infractions of CWZ rules from either agency.

For more information about CWZ, visit [CWZ Rollout Schedule & Info Sessions - DSNY](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.