Trash Concern Policy for GW Student Residents of the Foggy Bottom Neighborhood

The University has implemented a progressive strategy, which includes education and prevention efforts, for addressing trash problems in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood understanding that quality of life issues are important to GW students and all members of the university and Foggy Bottom neighborhood communities. Information on District of Columbia trash regulations that residents are expected to adhere to can be found at [http://dpw.dc.gov/page/solid-waste-and-sanitation-regulations](http://dpw.dc.gov/page/solid-waste-and-sanitation-regulations).

Notification of Trash Concerns
A GW student resident of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood may receive notice of a trash concern from the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs through the following methods:

1. A neighbor complaint - including the date, time, location, description of the trash concern and photos documenting the concern can be sent to the Office of Government and Community Relations at discover@gwu.edu or reported through the Community Concern Hotline at 202.994.6110.
2. GW staff weekly neighborhood walks – the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs and Office of Government and Community Relations staff complete weekly walks of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood and document trash concerns.

Notices resulting in correspondence to GW student residents from the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs, copies of documentation received and photos of trash-related incidents will be maintained on file with the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs and associated with the respective address from June to May each year.

GW is also committed to working with the DC government on persistent problem properties. Addresses that have been the subject of more than three complaints each year from June to May will be disclosed to the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services and the Director of Constituent Services for the appropriate Council office for referral to the appropriate city agency. GW's early intervention with residents receiving notices of trash concerns and the City's follow-up with owners, if it becomes necessary, should effectively address concerns about persistent violators.

First and Second Notification
Residents at an address that receive first and second notifications regarding trash-related concerns will also receive information from the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs about city guidelines and policies relating to trash pick-up and instructions to promptly resolve the specific issue cited.

Third Notification
Residents at an address that receive a third notification regarding trash-related concerns will receive a letter from the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs requesting a meeting to discuss the consistent trash concerns and notify the residents that a fourth citation will result in referral to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The meeting with Off-Campus Student Affairs staff will provide the opportunity to address trash concerns and educate residents on how to dispose of their trash appropriately to avoid creating future trash issues in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood community.

Fourth Notification
Residents at an address that receive a fourth notification regarding trash-related concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for review regarding the potential for disciplinary action and dispensation of appropriate sanctions.