

## Mall/Concourse Maintenance Update – October 2013

Because Mall/Concourse Maintenance gets many trash and recycling questions, we've put together some important points to remember. Comprehensive trash and recycling information can always be found in the Streets Division section of the City of Madison website, [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets).

### Trash Collection

- Mall/Concourse Maintenance collects trash for merchants and residents who do not have private dumpsters, cannot store the City's tan trash carts, or have no convenient side-street frontage on which to set the tan carts. **Merchant/resident trash is collected *only* on Thursday mornings**, shortly after 6am (4am in the winter months). Please plan to have all trash at the curb by 6am on Thursday, as street activities and traffic frequently prevent the Mall/Concourse garbage truck from accessing the street later in the day.
- **Never place residential or business trash into or alongside the city-owned metal trash containers. These containers are placed for pedestrian use only, not as drop-off points for merchant or residential trash.**
- Please bag your trash securely. Items placed loose in grocery bags can be easily blown around.
- If using a tan City of Madison refuse cart, please wheel it to a nearby side street for access by automated Streets Division trucks; the Mall/Concourse garbage truck is not equipped to empty these carts.
- Large items such as furniture are collected by the Streets Division every other Thursday, on weeks opposite recycling collection. Please check the website for schedules.
- Rules applying to residential refuse collection also apply in the Downtown area. Stickers are required for appliances, air conditioners, microwaves, fluorescent fixtures, mattresses, televisions, computer monitors and CPUs, as well as many more items. Stickers can be ordered on-line, by mail, and can be picked up in person. Please check the website for purchase information and a listing of items which require stickers. Items without stickers may be collected, but the property owner will be billed later.
- If you cannot reuse Styrofoam packing peanuts and must dispose of them, please bag them securely and put the bags at the curb as near to pickup time as possible to avoid unsightly spillage.

### Recycling

- Merchant and residential recycling is collected by the Streets Division every other Thursday. Check the website to find recycling schedules. To avoid confusion with trash, please use the green recycling carts when possible.
- The City of Madison's recycling program is constantly expanding, but unfortunately is not yet able to accept any Styrofoam food containers, packing peanuts, paper drink cups or food containers, or greasy pizza boxes. Please place these items in the trash or reuse when appropriate.

### Dumpsters

- The large green city-owned dumpsters in parking lots and ramps are used by Mall/Concourse and Madison Parking Utility. Never place residential or business trash in these dumpsters. Instead, use the tan or green City of Madison carts, place your bags curbside on Thursday mornings, or make arrangements with a private disposal company.

### Sidewalk Trash and Recycling containers

- These metal containers are placed so that pedestrians can conveniently dispose of cups, wrappers, bottles, and the like. *They are not drop-off points for merchant or residential trash and recycling.* These containers are crucial to maintaining the cleanliness of the sidewalks, yet are very difficult to site. Please assist us in keeping them available for pedestrian use by disposing of your own trash and recycling correctly.

Please check [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets), [www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/mallmaintenance.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/mallmaintenance.cfm), or call Mall/Concourse Maintenance at 608-266-6031 if you have further questions.