

Congress Heights Clean Team Services:

- ❖ Litter removal—Removal of trash and debris on sidewalks, gutters and tree pits using sweeping and picking methods. Removal of litter from DC Department of Public Works (“DPW”) street trashcans if/when trashcan contents are at or near capacity. Displacement of debris by water hoses and blowers is not allowed.
- ❖ Graffiti removal—Abatement (removal or covering with paint) graffiti from commercial properties, lampposts, street signposts, benches, mail boxes, and fire boxes, which are located on: a) streets within the service area boundaries; and b) side streets within 10 yards of the service area. Obtain written permission from property owner to remove graffiti prior to remediation. Track and report location and include before/after images of graffiti remediation. Graffiti higher than 8 feet should be reported to DPW via 311 for removal.
- ❖ Recycling—Includes: a) sorting of recyclable materials (glass, plastic, aluminum) from trash collected in street, sidewalks, gutters, and tree boxes; b) transporting recyclable materials separate from litter to nearest DPW transfer station; and, c) placing recyclables in recycling section of DPW transfer station (i.e., do not commingle with litter). Team members will collect recyclables in a trash bag attached to the side of the barrel, keeping recyclables separate from trash at all times.
- ❖ Illegal posters and sticker removal—Removal of illegal posters, stickers, and signs from lampposts, street signposts, benches, mail boxes, and fire boxes including flyers, stickers and printed material. Obtain any permits or other consents from other agencies, property owners or entities having jurisdiction over such property.
- ❖ Snow and ice removal—Removal of snow and ice from: sidewalks; entry path from sidewalk to businesses' entrance doors when the entry path is less than 10 feet in length; crosswalk curb cuts; and sewer catch basin openings. If ice melt is applied, only eco-friendly ice melt will be used.
- ❖ Weeding—Weeding sidewalks, tree boxes, curbs and other designated locations in the service area on a daily basis. If chemicals are used to kill weeds, only eco-friendly herbicide will be used in the process.
- ❖ Mowing grass—Mow grass located in area between sidewalk, gutter and public areas within the service area, ensuring that all grassy areas are always well maintained.
- ❖ Mulching tree boxes—Mulch all tree boxes at least once a year (generally fall and spring) following the mulching guidelines published by DC Department of Transportation Urban Forestry Administration (i.e., 3 inches organic mulch placed 3 inches away from trunk and not mounded against the tree trunk).
- ❖ Public space defect reporting—Observing and reporting public space defects using 311 system. Public space defects include but are not limited to: broken street lights and sidewalks, damaged tree box fencing; low-hanging tree limbs; bulk trash removal; illegal dumping visible in alleys; graffiti higher than 8 feet; tree pruning; and sewer catch basin cleaning.
- ❖ Landscaping – Facilitate planting trees and weeding in collaboration with other organizations. This work will be done by DCHMS staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers; these services will not require use of any grant funds.
- ❖ Business outreach- Clean team supervisor and crew members are expected to build rapport with businesses in the corridor they are servicing. CHCTDC provides adequate training and information, so that crewmembers can communicate to businesses about the clean team program and its services. It's important that businesses are knowledgeable of the clean team services available to them.