

TRASH TALK

In partnership with the City of Kelowna, the Downtown Kelowna Association strives to maintain a clean and inviting environment for tourists and residents to shop, dine and play in Downtown Kelowna. In fact, a full-time Clean Team is hired to remove posters and graffiti, maintain sidewalk garden nodes, as well as sweep and clean sidewalks.

Downtown dumpsters are unsightly, facilitate illegal dumping, block back alley traffic and their contents often emit foul odours. Moreover, they contribute to the perceptions that Downtown is dirty and unsafe. As a result, the City of Kelowna implemented several bylaws regarding garbage collection, dumpsters and the cleanliness of back alleys within the Downtown core (Bylaws 3477, 8217, 10490, 10106). These City Bylaws promote dumpster free alleyways, and state that no dumpsters are permitted in the BIA area unless stored on private property. Furthermore, the **Bylaws declare that no garbage is allowed to be left in the alleyway overnight.** Garbage totters must also be stored on private property (except during pick up). Bylaw Officers frequent the alleyways to inspect the area.

With these bylaws in mind, the DKA has recognized several options for your business's garbage disposal. We understand that some establishments produce more waste than others. **The city requires garbage to be picked up on a daily basis.** Therefore, Waste Connections of Canada inc. is the current service provider that performs pick up on a daily basis for the Downtown area. If you own enough private property and produce larger amounts of waste, you can purchase a Waste Connections totter. Otherwise, Waste Connections sells garbage bags (\$5/bag), which include the daily pick up service fee.

Any garbage or recycling that is put out for pick up must be in marked Waste Connections /DKA bags; otherwise, it will not be picked up. Black garbage bags will not be collected. Please help in keeping our alleys and lane ways neat and tidy by using the marked bags. There is no limit to the number of marked bags you may put out for pick up.

Please contact Waste Connections to purchase your Downtown garbage bags at 250.765.0565.

Please feel free to call, e-mail or visit the DKA office if you have any questions, comments or concerns about our garbage and recycling program or our Clean Team services. We are here to help!