



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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## ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Betty Arce</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 7, 2023</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/c9ruG-tuJx4">https://youtu.be/c9ruG-tuJx4</a>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<p>✓ Betty Arce   ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky   ✓ Jean Hill</p> <p>✓ Rosalie Leslie   ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed   ✓ Lowell Green</p> <p>✓ Hugo Gonzalez   _ Carlos Sosa</p>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Betty Arce</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines were read
- II. Introductions/Attendance taken. Quorum met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes. Approved
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month

**V. New Business**

**A. DSNY Updates**

NYC Department of Sanitation is implementing a new rule to reduce the time the trash, recycling, and curbside composting will sit on sidewalks. The new rule goes into effect **April 1, 2023**.

**Residents**

Residential buildings of any size (single-family and multi-unit) have two options:

- Place waste out after 6:00 PM in a container of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, or
- Place waste out after 8:00 PM, if putting bags directly on the curb

To ensure collection, all waste must be set out by midnight.

**Businesses**

Businesses that place waste at the curb\* for collection have two options:

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- If using a container with a secure lid, place waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM

\* This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock. Remember, containers must be removed from the curb by the time your business reopens.

#### B. DEP Updates

##### 1. Water Bill Amnesty Program-January 30, 2023 to April 30, 2023

- a) Amnesty Program – DEP is offering this limited one-time amnesty with up to 100% interest forgiveness for all delinquent customers.

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/pay-my-bills/amnesty-program-faq.page>

Or call (718) 595-7000

##### 2. NYC Water Supply Update

- a) Current Water Distribution - DEP ([nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov))

Drinking Water FAQs - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/drinking-water-frequently-asked-questions.page>

If you notice that your tap water smells or tastes differently, call 311 or [file a report online](#), so DEP can follow up.

Annual New York City Drinking Water Supply and Quality Report

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-supply-quality-report/2022-drinking-water-supply-quality-report.pdf>

- b) Planned Work of NYC's Delaware Aqueduct – Introduction of more Croton Water to NYC drinking water supply. Water may taste differently due to geology, soil conditions, and naturally occurring minerals in the watersheds.

#### C. DOHMH Updates

##### 1. [Upcoming Rat Academy Trainings](#)

VI. Next meeting date: April 4, 2023

VII. Discussion on next agenda: FY24 Capital & Expense Budget

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

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