

# Trash, Debris, And Care Of Premise In The City Of Suffolk



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**Not only is excess trash, garbage, and debris a foul-smelling neighborhood eyesore, but it is also a health hazard. Garbage provides a growing environment for germs and contains objects that could harm children.**

**THERE ARE SAFETY LAWS TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF SUFFOLK FROM EXCESS TRASH AND DEBRIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

## **What Are The Laws Concerning Garbage on Private Property? (Suffolk Code Sec: 34-109)**

Property owners in the city of Suffolk shall, within each consecutive 15-day period, remove all trash, garbage, refuse, litter, and other substances that might endanger the health or safety of residents of the city.

## What Are The Penalties For Violating This Law? (Suffolk Code Sec: 34-109)

**FIELD CORRECTIVE ACTION:** The city may correct the violations and have all costs encountered as a lien upon the property.

### **A COURT SUMMONS IS ISSUED IF THE FIELD CORRECTIVE ACTION**

**CANNOT BE TAKEN:** The first offense incurs a \$100 fine, and each subsequent offense incurs a \$150 fine. Each day that a violation is found to exist is considered a separate offense.

It is also the responsibility of the owner of the property to remove the garbage/debris that might endanger the health or safety of other citizens. If the property owner has not removed the garbage/debris within a “reasonable” amount of time, then the City of Suffolk has the right to remove the garbage/debris at the cost of the owner.

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