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The Methuen Board of Health would like to remind all residents that spring is almost here and that there are Town Ordinances (Chapter 9.75) and Massachusetts regulations (105 CMR 410.000) related to the “Storage of Garbage and rubbish” that help keep our streets trash free. Although it feels like spring now, it is still cold enough at night to keep some nighttime animal low. Soon the raccoons, skunks and other animals will be out looking for an easy meal and our trash, if it’s not in a barrel, is a really easy meal! Here’s a brief summary of what the laws state and how you can help.

- Every occupant of each dwelling unit is responsible for the proper placement of their garbage and rubbish into the trash receptacles and covers are to be placed tightly onto receptacles.
- Trash receptacles shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 4:00 PM the day before the scheduled collection day.
- No person shall permit or allow garbage receptacles to remain on the curb for more than forty-eight hours after regularly scheduled pick-up of said trash, waste, garbage or like material by the collector of such material.
- No person shall place, permit or allow rubbish to be stored in front of their property or at the street line, except for collection at 4pm the night before scheduled pickup.
- Whoever violates the city ordinance or state regulation can be subject to a fine of a minimum of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars and a maximum of five hundred (\$500) dollars. Each day a violation is present constitutes a separate offense.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping to keep our streets litter and trash free.

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