



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Mayor Designates Dept. of Sanitation As Enforcement Agency For Lawn Litter Law

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New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens) announced today that Mayor Bloomberg has signed an Executive Order (No. 113) that designates the Department of Sanitation as the lead enforcement agency for the “Lawn Litter Law.”

“This Executive Order is an important first step in the full implementation of the ‘Lawn Litter Law,’” Padavan said. “In the coming weeks, I look forward to additional regulations from the Mayor Bloomberg for this important law that will allow residents through Queens and New York City to combat the nuisance of unwanted literature and advertisements left on their property.”

The “Lawn Litter Law” mandates that all signs posted by residents must state in one inch letters “Do Not Place Unsolicited Advertising Materials On This Property.” The sign must also be at least five inches tall and seven inches wide and placed in a conspicuous location at a homeowner’s property. The law also establishes that the Mayor designate an agency or agencies to enforce provisions of the “Lawn Litter Law.”

Additionally, the “Lawn Litter Law” imposes a civil penalty, of not less than \$250 and no more than \$1,000 for each violation, on businesses who do not adhere to a sign posted by a resident.

Senator Padavan also noted that “Lawn Litter” signs are still available, free of charge, for interested residents who want their own sign. Residents can pick up a “Lawn Litter Sign” compliments of Senator Padavan at his Bellerose office located at 89-39 Gettysburg Street, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm. Residents can also pick up a sign at Padavan’s Whitestone office located 150-26 14th Avenue, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm.