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**Resolution: Johnson Roo Suites Trash Cans**

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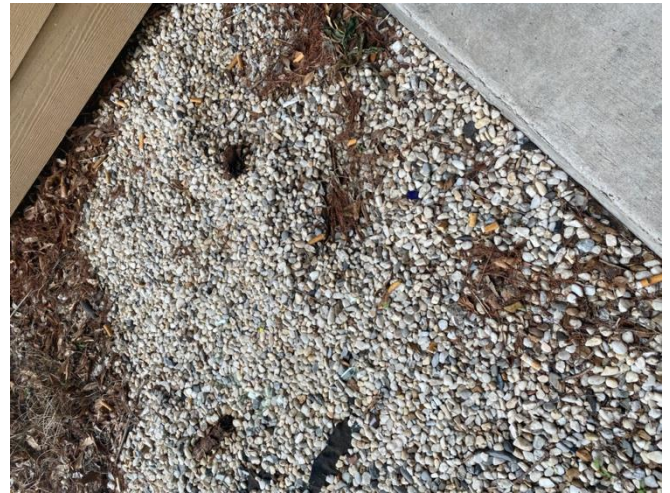
**Aware:** The Johnson Roo Suites area is made up of six buildings: Bryan Apartments A and B, and Roo Suites C, D, E and F. The area is bordered by two parking lots, each housing a large dumpster. There are no trash receptacles in the courtyard between the buildings or near high-traffic pathways in the area.

**Having Seen:** Residence life staff and students have noticed a consistent pattern of litter throughout the area. Small pieces of trash, paper, and most commonly empty alcohol containers are left in the gravel areas lining the sidewalks, as well as in bushes and grass in the courtyard. Trash is also occasionally left in the stairwells, especially of the C and D buildings. The two available dumpsters are in the opposite direction from campus, so they are not on students' way as they leave the residential area. With the high winds in the area, pieces of trash from the open dumpsters occasionally blow deeper into the complex area and are often left on the ground due to no convenient disposal options being nearby.

**Convinced that:** Two 40-gallon trash cans placed near the Roo Suites D and E buildings and on the pathway toward campus next to the C building would decrease the rate of "crimes of convenience" that is littering in the area. Instead of throwing trash on the ground, students will be able to place it in the trash cans as they pass by to walk to class. These additions will contribute to a better maintained Suites area.

**Be it resolved:** Austin college physical plant will install the trash cans along with concrete pads to secure them in place if needed. Austin college housekeeping services will add emptying the cans to their rounds in the area. Resident managers in the area will inform residents of the importance of proper waste disposal and will encourage use of the trashcans. Residence managers staff will also monitor that the cans are being used properly and effectively.

**Notes, photos taken 4/12:**



(Above) Proposed location of one trash can, intersection of C, D and E buildings.

**Notes continued:**

- Two 40-gallon steel trash cans, each \$847, \$1,694 for both. (<https://www.belson.com/Commercial-Steel-Flare-Top-Trash-Receptacle>) Pictured below.
- Two concrete pads under each trash can to secure them, each about \$30, according to David Turk, Executive Director of Facilities.
- Total cost: Approximately \$1,754



**Further Noting:**



Key:

- 1, 2: Current dumpsters
- Yellow stars: Proposed trash can locations