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Good day home owners, business owners and renters of Ocean Beach. The day has come that many of you have been waiting for. There is now a freight house in town! The freight house will be open starting Monday, April 1, 2019. In order to proactively manage expectations and make the transition smooth, we need to establish some basic guidelines. With the support of the Village, we've established policies as to what will be held in the freight house and what will need to be picked up the same day it is delivered.

I have heard much excitement about being able to "store" items in the freight house once it is opened. However, due to the small size of the freight house and the vast quantities of freight transported, the freight house will only be used as a temporary waypoint for smaller items, i.e. UPS, FedEx, Amazon and beverage.

Arrangements **MUST** be made for same day pick-up of larger and bulk items, including but not limited to; bedding, furniture, appliances, bicycles, etc. Since Sandy, we have learned that this sort of execution is achievable. We ask that you please continue to give the freight department notice when one of these shipments is expected. In addition, any perishable items, landscaping, building material, or the like, will not be brought into the freight house.

During the summer season, we will work to have longer freight house hours (earlier and/or later) during the week, specifically, later on Fridays and earlier on Saturdays. This should be a welcomed convenience and will help eliminate congestion when the freight boat is in town. Summer operation hours will be posted as the season nears. For now it will be opened when the freight boat is in. Times of operation for Saturdays will be updated and posted at a later date. The same will be true for weekday hours as our crew grows through May and June.

As in the past, we are not responsible for any freight held for 7 days or more. Storage charges will begin to accrue after 14 days (equal to freight charge for each 7-day period) and we reserve the right to dispose of any items left longer than 30 days, at the customer's expense. **Once again, bulk items will need to be picked up on the day of delivery.** Please arrange your shipments accordingly.

Also, for a list of items permitted on the passenger boat please look under PASSENGER BOAT RESTRICTIONS. This can be found on the right side of the ferry schedule. We urge you to plan ahead and ship items that are not permitted on the passenger boat with the freight boat that leaves Bay Shore at 10.00 AM. Passenger boat freight policy will be strictly enforced.

Thank you in advance, for your cooperation. As always, it is our pleasure to serve you. Wishing you all a wonderful summer ahead.

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