

WHOOSH: Hudson Yards waste will exit by pneumatic tube

Hudson Yards ain't trashy.

Residents and workers at Related Companies' giant \$20 billion development on the West Side won't find themselves stepping in their neighbor's smelly waste.

The developer has tapped Envac, a Swedish company, to design an automated vacuum waste collection system that will make their trash disappear as if by magic. The waste will feed into three vertical tubes and then it will be transported at high speeds - 45 miles an hour -- along underground pneumatic tubes to a dispensary on Twelfth Ave.

No muss, no fuss and, most importantly, no garbage trucks.

"There will be no garbage trucks anywhere around Hudson Yards," said Related vice president Michael Samuelian. "Even in the most posh buildings uptown, you'll see trash bags in front of the building on trash day. You won't see that at Hudson Yards."

The Hudson Yards megaproject, a \$20 billion residential and commercial development comprising 16 skyscrapers at the site of the West Side rail yard in the West 30s, is currently under construction. The first of the commercial component will debut in 2015. The residential towers will come later.

The envac system has never been used in Manhattan before but is used on Roosevelt Island, where it was installed almost 40 years ago.