



Why Recycle?

Cleanliness & Pride in the Community

Overflowing garbage is a public health nuisance and eyesore. Everyone wants to live in and visit places that are well managed, clean, and healthy. Apartment recycling programs can help:

- Improve building aesthetics.
- Help manage trash costs.
- Attract new residents.

Environmental Health and Safety

A well-run recycling program in your community can help:

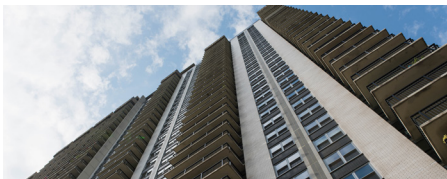
- Reduce litter on the grounds of your complex.
- Protect public health.
- Discourage rats, possums, raccoons, and stray dogs and cats from moving in.

Efficiently Managed Waste Stream

- Same amount of waste goes into two bins instead of one.
- Reduced strain on property's waste disposal system.

It's the Law!

Fairfax County requires all multi-family complexes (apartments, condominiums, & townhomes) to recycle.



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Solid Waste Management Program
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703-324-5230, TTY 711. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash
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Property Manager's Responsibilities



Property owners and managers are responsible for recycling and refuse collection, which are spelled out in Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Code Chapter 109.1. Those responsibilities include:

- **Providing a recycling system for residents** to recycle cardboard and mixed paper, metal containers, and plastic bottles and jugs.
- **The waste and recycling system of the property must be of sufficient capacity** so that there is no need for residents to deposit material on the ground or put their recyclables in a refuse container. Selecting the proper size containers for holding recycling and refuse, and ensuring at least once-a-week collection, will address these issues.
- **Any refuse container with a capacity of 2 cubic yards or greater** must be accompanied by one or more recycling collection containers with a volume equal to or greater than 25% of the refuse container.
- **Recyclables collection containers must be clearly labeled** with the materials that are accepted for recycling.
- **All tenants must be notified about recycling program requirements** upon occupancy and at least once a year thereafter.
- **Property management is responsible for keeping the area around collection containers free from litter.**

