



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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TO: All Architects, Builders, Developers, Engineers, Contractors and Surveyors Practicing in Fairfax County.

SUBJECT: **Letter 08-02** Cardboard Recycling For All Construction, Demolition and Renovation Projects

One of the goals of the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program is to improve recycling in the county. We thank you for this opportunity to explain Fairfax County's revised solid waste ordinance (Chapter 109.1) and its requirements regarding recycling.

The major change that will affect your business is that cardboard recycling is required for all construction, demolition and renovation projects in Fairfax County. This will require that cardboard is separated from other waste generated by the construction project and that it is taken to a recycling facility.

[Cardboard recycling](#) is easy and clean and will reduce the amount of waste that you dispose of from your projects. When cardboard generated from construction projects (and some demolition projects) is disposed of along with debris, it is usually taken to a landfill specifically designed to accept construction/demolition wastes. There is a charge to dispose of these materials. If the cardboard is separated from the refuse and taken to a recycling center, then there is no charge at the recycling facility to accept clean cardboard. Depending on the amount of cardboard delivered to the recycling facility, there may even be a rebate back to your company when the recycling company sells the cardboard. Most trash collection companies can recycle your cardboard, but you can also do it yourself and retain any payment for the cardboard. Clean cardboard currently earns rebates of nearly \$50 per ton.

You will need to determine how to best collect cardboard for transportation to a recycling center. You will also need to train your staff about separating cardboard and flattening it for recycling. To maximize the amount of cardboard that can be placed into a container for recycling, it should be flattened to allow the load to be tightly packed, thereby reducing transportation costs. Cardboard is accepted at three privately-owned material recovery facilities in Fairfax County:

Capitol Fiber
6610 Electronic Drive
Springfield, VA 22151
703-658-0200

Recycle America
10400 Premier Court
Burke, VA 22015
703-250-0500

Recycle America
2801 Dorr Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22301
703-406-7461

You can also take cardboard to any other recycling facility outside of Fairfax County, or to any of the county's eight recycling drop off centers. There is no charge to use the county [drop off centers](#), but you will need to be able to unload and place your cardboard in the proper container by hand.

County staff is available to answer questions that you may have about cardboard recycling. Please contact us at **703-324-5230** or visit our [recycle website](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/non-res.htm) (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/non-res.htm>).

Very truly yours,

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