



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## SOLID WASTE ADVISORY

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### Free Disposal of Flood-Related Debris (FRD)

The purpose of this Advisory is to alert collection and disposal companies to a free disposal program being provided for residential flood-related debris (FRD).

#### Background

On September 8-9, 2011, Fairfax County experienced flooding that was unprecedented in recent history. These floods resulted in significant damage to many homes throughout the County. As one means of reducing the cost for County residents to recover from this disaster, the Board of Supervisors has directed the Solid Waste Management Program to offer County residents free collection and disposal of flood-related debris. Free disposal of FRD will go into effect immediately and continue through October 2, 2011.

#### How Your Residential Customers Can Participate

Residents can participate in the free disposal program as follows:

1. Self-haul their FRD to a County disposal site;
2. Contract with a permitted residential refuse collector to remove the FRD either as a special collection or as part of regularly-scheduled refuse collection;
3. Contract with a permitted waste removal contractor to remove the FRD; or
4. Contact this Program's Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling (DSWCR) to collect and dispose of the material.

FRD suitable for free disposal can consist of damaged household items and debris suitable for acceptance as either combustible waste or white goods, and also yard waste or brush.

Commercial establishments and other businesses cannot participate in the free disposal program.



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## How Your Company Can Participate

Properly-licensed and permitted waste collectors (CTO holders) and removal contractors (disposal permit holders) can participate in the cleanup effort by using the following process:

1. Companies should advise affected customers to contact DSWCR at 703-802-3322. The customer will be asked to provide name, address, phone number, collector's name, estimated volume/weight of FRD, types of material, and a photo of the pile to be disposed.
2. Once the customer is approved for free disposal, the collector or contractor should determine if the amount of FRD necessitates a special collection, or if the amount of waste can be accommodated as part of a regular trash route. Together the resident and collector will schedule the date for the collection.
  - a. If the Collection is a Special Collection, the company may charge the resident for removal service, but pricing must reflect free disposal. The collected load will be accepted for free.
  - b. If the FRD is mixed with regular refuse collections, the company will be charged the normal rate for the whole load. Prior to the invoice going out, the County will have matched the customer's photo and volume estimate to the mixed load, and the transaction ticket will be reduced by the estimated amount of FRD included in the load. For example, if a mixed load was delivered that weighs 7.4 tons, and the estimated weight of FRD was 2.0 tons, then the transaction will be billed for 5.4 tons only. All these adjustments will be made to the September invoice, which will be issued on or about October 12.
3. Your drivers will be key to assuring proper credit to your account. Your drivers must declare that they have FRD on the vehicle when they arrive at the facility and must identify the address the FRD came from.

Commercial cash account holders cannot participate in this program, as it requires prior application by the residential customer, and adjustment of disposal fees will be done through a credit to the company's invoice. Cash transaction do not allow for this review process.

Everyone's cooperation will be needed to assist residents in taking advantage of this program, and the County will endeavor to remain flexible and accommodate unforeseen or unusual circumstances. Any questions about this Advisory and the free disposal program should be directed to Charlie Forbes at 703-324-5230.



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