



Trash Containers and Collection

Do you know Fairfax County's rules about Trash?

- ◆ Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates the storage of trash containers:
- ◆ Solid waste and recycling storage containers may be located in any yard, provided that they comply with the following standards:
 - Containers must not be located in any required parking space, parking aisle, open space, or landscaped area; and
 - If located in a minimum front setback, the containers must be located at least 15 feet from the front lot line and be screened from view from the abutting street by either plantings or solid fencing. The height of the solid fencing may not exceed the height of the containers by more than one foot.
- ◆ Regulations for placing trash by the curb are regulated by the trash removal company OR the HOA/Civic Association, **NOT** the Department of Code Compliance.
 - Residents are encouraged to place trash by the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day. Bundled materials may not exceed four feet in length; no bundle or trash container may exceed 50 pounds. Trash must be contained separately from recyclables. More information is available at the Solid Waste homepage: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash>
 - Items placed for regular trash collection should NOT include: tree stumps, dirt, stone, rock or brick, dead animals, manure, asbestos, containerized liquids, refrigerant-containing appliances, scrap metal, household hazardous waste, waste generated by a tree removal company or home renovation firm.
- ◆ Clean Streets Initiative through Fairfax County Solid Waste Management:
 - This program was created to address large piles of junk placed or remaining at the curb; Call 703-246-2300, TTY 703-591-6435 to report a property to this program.
 - After an inspection, the Department of Solid Waste will notify the property owner that the trash must be removed. If the owner does not remove the material within ten days, the county will remove it and bill the property owner. If the owner refuses to pay, a lien is placed on the property.

- ◆ Large or bulk item pick-up:
 - For large item pick-up call:
 - ⇒ If you use Fairfax County Trash/Recycling Service, call 703-802-3322, TTY 711 for a special collection.
 - ⇒ If you have a private company, contact them or an alternate junk removal service to arrange for a special collection.
 - ⇒ If you live in a Sanitary District and are serviced by Fairfax County Collections, call 703-803-3322, TTY 711.

- ◆ Illegal Dumping:
 - No person may dispose of solid waste on any private or public property without the permission of the owner.
 - Illegal dumping in commercial building dumpsters or any site not designated for disposal use by the general public is prohibited. If you witness release of petroleum or other flammable or hazardous materials, call 911. If you see anyone dump nonhazardous solid waste, record the vehicle license number and call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264, to report the violator.
 - If you find illegally dumped material on public or private property, but did not witness the dumping, call the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711.
 - More information on illegal dumping and the agencies involved is available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/illegal-dumping/>



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

**Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035**

Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711

Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.