Vehicle Storage

Do you know Fairfax County’s rules for storing vehicles on residential property?

Fairfax County regulates the storage of inoperative vehicles, vehicles under tarps, and vehicles that are covered with fitted car covers.

Inoperative Vehicles:

- Chapter 110 of the Fairfax County Code and Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulate inoperative vehicle storage in residential areas.
- An inoperative vehicle is any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is not in operating condition, does not display valid license plates, or does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.
- On residential properties, inoperative vehicles must be kept within a fully enclosed structure or completely screened from view in accordance with the County Code.
- To make a complaint about more than five inoperative vehicles located on private property, call the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711 or report online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code.
- To make a complaint about five or fewer inoperative vehicles located on private property, please contact the Fairfax County Police Department’s Impound Office at 703-280-0716 or report online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/report-inoperable-vehicle.
- To report an inoperative vehicle on a public street, please call the Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

Vehicles under Tarps: Any vehicle covered by a tarp is subject to the outdoor storage regulations of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Vehicles under Fitted Car Covers: On a residential lot, up to two vehicles may kept under fitted car covers specifically designed for this purpose.

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

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