

ALWAYS PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART



PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS (LIDS ON)



METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS



CARTONS



MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

NEVER PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART



No Plastic Bags!

Do Not Recycle Anything Smaller Than Your Hand!

No Multi-Material Items!

Avoid Wishful Recycling!

Wishful recycling or “wishcycling” is when you place something in the recycling cart that should not be there, but you wish it was recyclable.

ZERO WASTE TIPS

- Refuse single-use plastics.
- Donate and buy secondhand.
- Compost food waste - start small by fertilizing plants with eggshells and coffee grounds.



ZERO WASTE
FAIRFAX COUNTY
GOVERNMENT & SCHOOLS



Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
Solid Waste Management Program
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Ste 458
Fairfax, VA 22035



**FAIRFAX COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**

STATEMENT OF SERVICE JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

Contact Information

Customer Service

Report service issues or missed collections the following business day by 4:30 p.m. at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/solid-waste-feedback-form call 703-802-3322, TTY 711 or email DPWESTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov

The Customer Service Center is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for County-observed holidays.

Website

Scan the QR code to reach the Fairfax County Trash & Recycling Web Page.



Severe Weather/Emergency

Trash and recycling collection may be suspended in severe weather or emergency situations.

Holiday Schedule

Regular trash, recycling, brush and bulk collection services are provided on all holidays except Christmas Day.

Department of Public Works
and Environmental Services



SERVICE BASICS

The base level of service consists of a weekly collection of one trash cart, one recycling cart, and up to ten compostable bags or private reusable containers of yard waste.

- **Gray carts are for household trash only.** All trash must be bagged and placed inside the trash cart.
- **Blue carts are for recyclables only.** Recyclables must be loose, clean, and dry. **No plastic bags!**
- **Set your carts out by 6:00 a.m.** on your collection day and remove them within 24 hours of collection.
- **Only trash that is in a County-issued cart will be collected** (no loose materials in piles or stacked next to the cart).
- **Know the limits** - Carts and yard waste bags should weigh less than 50 pounds each.
- **Self-Haul** - Excess trash and recyclables can be delivered to either of the County's recycling and disposal centers at the I-95 Landfill in Lorton or the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax.
- Contact customer service for more information on additional service at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trashrecycling-container-request

Unacceptable Materials

- Liquids, including sewage/septic waste
- Hazardous waste including paint, oil, asbestos, other chemical wastes, lithium batteries
- Compressed cylinders (any size)
- Automobile parts, batteries, and tires
- Rechargeable batteries of any kind
- Construction and demolition debris (drywall, shingles, roofing material, insulation, concrete)
- Animal carcasses
- Broken Glass (must be boxed up/taped closed and labeled "glass")
- Bio-hazardous medical waste



We value your support!

We greatly appreciate feedback that we can use to recognize our employees as part of our County recognition awards program. Please feel free to share your comments by contacting customer service or sending an email.

As a reminder, Fairfax County employees are prohibited from accepting favors, gifts, tips, gratuities, or any other benefits for services provided to the community in the course of their employment.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- March 1 through December 24, yard waste (grass, leaves, and trimmings) must be collected separately. December 25 through the end of February, yard waste must be bagged and placed in your trash cart.
- Yard waste should be bundled or placed in a rigid container or compostable paper bag.



- Small quantities of yard waste can be tied in bundles (no longer than 4 feet in length, and no more than 50 pounds in weight).
- No more than 10 compostable yard bags or containers, please. More than 4 bundles of tied yard waste should be scheduled for a brush special pickup.
- Yard waste does not include soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches, limbs, invasives, or bamboo. (Bamboo should be scheduled as special pickup bulk.)

PURPLE CAN CLUB



Recycle your glass bottles and jars at our convenient glass drop off sites.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass

A Fairfax County, VA Publication July 2024

To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-324-5230, TTY 711

SPECIAL PICKUP

Your service includes five [5] free special pickups of 2 cubic yards or the equivalent of 6 feet long by 3 feet wide by 3 feet high. There will be a charge for piles greater than 2 cubic yards. Schedule a special pickup online or by phone. Piles should be separated by material type (just brush or just metal, not mixed).

For safety reasons, there must be 20 feet of clearance on all sides (including above). Do not put debris under utility wires or tree branches.

Types of Pickup:

- Freon - appliances containing refrigerant.
- Brush/Limbs—no lumber! No bamboo!
- Bulk Items—furniture, lumber, carpet, mattresses, and bamboo.
- Electronic Waste—phones, TVs, computers & peripherals, cameras, audio equipment.
- Metal - metal appliances and other metal items.

For additional information, visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/special-pick-up



STAY INFORMED

Sign up for the latest information via email:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trash-collection-e-updates

Fairfax Recycles is a digital newsletter to inform subscribers of Fairfax County's recycling events and news items from the Solid Waste Management Program.

You can sign up at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/subscribe-fairfax-recycler



**FAIRFAX
RECYCLES**