Always Place in the Curbside Recycling Bin

- Plastic bottles and jugs (lids on)
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Cartons and mixed paper and cardboard

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- Plastic bags, film, and glass
- Food bags and wrappers
- Needles and medical waste
- Shredded paper and hangers, hoses, and cables
- Clothing, foam, and plastic takeout
- Batteries

Contact Information

**Missed Collections:** Report missed collections the following business day by 4:30 p.m. at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/solid-waste-feedback-form or by calling 703-802-3322

**Severe Weather/Emergency:** Trash and recycling collection may be suspended in severe weather or emergency situations.

Let’s keep in touch! Sign up for the latest information via email www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trash-collection-e-updates

**Holiday Schedule:** Regular trash, recycling, brush and bulk collection services are provided on all holidays except Christmas Day. The Customer Service Center is closed in observance of all county holidays.

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Service Basics

Gray carts are for household trash only.
Blue carts are for recyclables only.
Set your carts out by 6 a.m. on your collection day and remove them within 24 hours after collection.
Only trash that is in a County-issued cart will be collected. Contact customer service for more information on additional service.

Unacceptable Materials

These are the things that don’t belong in your trash or recycling carts.

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

Yard Waste Collection

Each year from March through December yard waste (grass, leaves, and trimmings) must be collected separately.
You may use compostable yard waste bags or durable containers designated for yard waste.

Special Pick-up—Your service includes five free special pickups! Schedule a special pickup online or by phone; it will be collected on your next regular trash day. Piles should be separated by type (just brush or just metal, not mixed).
There must be 20 feet of clearance on all sides (including above). Please do not put debris under power wires or tree branches.

- Refrigerators
- Brush/Limbs
- Computers/TVs
- Metal Appliances
- Bulk Items—furniture, mattresses, and lumber

Effective March 1, 2021 special pickups will be limited to a maximum of two cubic yards.

Megabulk—This is used for removal of larger items and quantities that exceed the special pickup limit. The price is based on the volume of the waste to be collected; the minimum charge is $110.

Purple Can Club
Recycle your glass bottles and jars at our convenient glass drop off sites.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass