

ALWAYS PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART



PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, AND DAIRY CONTAINERS (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.

Plastic numbers show the type of plastic an item is made from but do not always indicate that it can be recycled.

WASTE WIZARD



Recycle right with the Waste Wizard!

- Search any item.
- Learn what belongs in each cart.
- Find drop-off locations for special items.
- Stop wishcycling and reduce contamination!



Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
Solid Waste Management Program
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**FAIRFAX COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**

STATEMENT OF SERVICE JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026

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, yard waste and Special Pickup collections are provided on all holidays except Christmas Day.

Share Feedback

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.

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SERVICE BASICS

Basic Service Details:

Weekly collection includes:

- 1 gray cart for household trash (bagged and inside the cart)
- 1 blue cart for recycling (loose, clean, and dry items only. No plastic bags!)
- Up to 10 yard waste bags or reusable containers for yard debris (compostable bags only)

Collection Guidelines

- Set out your carts by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- Bring carts back within 24 hours after collection.
- Carts and yard waste bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each.
- Only trash inside the gray county-provided cart will be collected. No loose trash or piles stacked outside the cart.

Additional Options for Extra Trash/Recycling:

If you have more trash or recyclables than your regular service allows, here are your options:

Request Additional Service

Contact customer service for extra or additional trash and recycling service or submit your request online: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trashrecycling-container-request

Self-Haul Excess Materials to the following locations:

- » I-95 Landfill in Lorton
- » I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax

Fees:

The annual refuse fee is \$610, divided into two equal installments included in the first and second real estate tax bills. For billing questions: DTARED@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-4802.

Unacceptable Materials

Please do NOT place the following items in your trash/recycling carts:

- Liquids, including sewage or septic waste
- Hazardous waste, such as paint, oil, asbestos, chemicals, or lithium batteries
- Compressed cylinders (any size)
- Automobile parts, including batteries and tires
- Rechargeable batteries of any kind
- Construction and demolition debris, such as drywall, shingles, roofing materials, insulation, or concrete
- Animal carcasses
- Broken glass, unless boxed, taped shut, and clearly labeled "GLASS"
- Bio-hazardous medical waste



We Appreciate Your Support!

Thank you for helping us keep Fairfax County clean and beautiful. As a friendly reminder, Fairfax County employees are not allowed to accept favors, gifts, tips, gratuities, or any other benefits for the services they provide to the community as part of their employment. Your understanding and cooperation mean a lot to us! Thank you for being a valued member of our community.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection makes it easy to manage your outdoor debris. Here's what you need to know:

Collection Schedule:

- **March 1 through December 24:** yard waste (grass, leaves, and trimmings) is collected separately from trash.
- **December 25 through February 28/29:** Bag your yard waste and place it in your trash cart for regular collection.

How to Prepare Yard Waste:

- Use compostable paper bags, rigid containers, or tie yard waste into bundles:
- Bundles should be no longer than 4 feet, 6 inches in diameter and weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Limit yard waste to 10 compostable bags or containers per week.
- If you have more than 4 bundles, please schedule a brush special pickup.



What is NOT Considered Yard Waste:

- Soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches, and limbs
- Invasive plants or bamboo (Bamboo requires a bulk special pickup scheduling)

PURPLE CAN CLUB



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

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

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

SPECIAL PICKUP

Your service includes **5 free Special Pickups** per fiscal year for piles up to 2 cubic yards (6 feet long, 3 feet wide, and 3 feet high). Additional fees apply for piles larger than 2 cubic yards and/or multiple piles.

How to Schedule a Special Pickup:

- Schedule online or call customer service.
- Separate materials by type - brush only or metal only, don't mix materials in one pile.

Important Reminders for Special Pickups:

- Ensure there is at least 20 feet of clearance on all sides, including above. Avoid placing material under utility wires, tree branches, or near manhole covers.

What Material Types Can be Collected:

- **Freon Appliances:** Items that contain refrigerants, such as air conditioners or refrigerators.
- **Brush:** Tree limbs or branches (no lumber or bamboo).
- **Bulk Items:** Furniture, mattresses, carpets, lumber, bamboo and invasive plants.
- **Electronics:** Phones, TVs, computers, cameras, and audio equipment.
- **Metal:** Metal appliances or other similar 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



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