

CLEAN UP AND TRASH

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLEAN-UP (TRASH) COORDINATOR

As the Clean-Up Coordinator, you are a key player in the Rebuilding Together – Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church (RT-AFF) team.

- It's the environmentally responsible thing to do.
- Excessive trash or large amounts of construction debris refuse will not be picked up through normal trash service.
- Unplanned trash can create more headaches and possible fines for the homeowner.
- Not planning for trash strains our budget with unexpected expenses and fines.

What does the Clean-Up Coordinator do?

- Review trash rules for your jurisdiction.
- Review disposal and hazardous waste information.
- Review recycling information for your area.
- Decide, with the house captain, how much trash you expect to generate.
- Decide which of these four sizes it falls into (see separate section below):
 - Modest – plan for street pick up
 - Moderate – make alternative disposal plan
 - Large – make alternative disposal plan
 - Extra-large – consider all options and possibly arrange for a dumpster.
- Decide where to stage trash.
- Decide how to separate trash, recycling, construction debris, and hazardous waste.
- Make sure supplies and tools are available: bags, cans, shovels, rakes etc.
- Plan paint and hazardous waste cleanup.
- Arrange, finalize and check how trash will be removed.
- Make sure trash is disposed of at the end of the day and is not a problem for the homeowner.

What's the big deal with the trash and why do I have to figure out how much trash I'll have?

Expect to generate a large amount of trash, on top of what the homeowner normally has, even for the smallest project. Disposable tarps, newspapers, rags, lunch trash, bottles, cans and miscellaneous trash can pile up faster than you expect. If you do any major cleaning, repair, or re-construction expect to have much more.

What do I have to do before Rebuilding Together Day?

- Talk to and meet with your house captain to determine the scope of work and how much trash your house might create.
- Submit your supply needs and disposal needs to the house captain.
- Determine how many volunteers you will need to work on the “Clean-up” team. Determine the various tasks and responsibilities you will assign to each volunteer. Also don’t forget that clean-up and trash removal is an all-day process. Make sure your team is sufficient in numbers and strength throughout the day, particularly at the end of the day.
- Consult with RT-AFF staff if you need assistance.

On Rebuilding Day

- You are the go-to person for information about hazardous disposal, local rules, and where stuff goes.
- You are in charge of the work site disposal needs. At the end of the day the site should be clean, safe and the homeowner shouldn’t have to worry about getting rid of a mess. Good planning will make the end of the day easier and your group won’t have more to clean up after they are tired from working all day. With proper planning, it will be a satisfying day for all hands.
- The clean-up coordinator monitors the site and encourages clean up throughout the day. Look for safety hazards caused by trash and debris, potential clean up problems and other issue. Take care of them or make the house captain aware of the problem.
- Set up a place to clean brushes and paint tools and hazardous chemicals. Check the site often for “orphan” brushes, rollers and open cans of paint and cover, clean or dispose of them.
- If an unforeseen problem occurs; such as a toxic spill, hazardous situation or other problem, contact RT-AFF staff or the area coordinator. Do not attempt clean up without professional expertise and/or guidance.
- Remember: Stress Safety. Continually remind the volunteers that they are on a work site and must practice reasonable care and safety in all situations. Contact RT-AFF staff immediately if a safety-related problem arises.
- Last, but not least, have a wonderful, memorable day and THANK YOU!

Setting up for trash

Careful management of trash, construction debris and recycling can make the day go easier for everyone. During the day and at the end of the day a trash plan will make clean up easier and keep your jobsite clean. National Rebuilding Day can generate a huge amount of trash! Here are some suggestions for managing the project.

Make a trash plan!

Consider how much trash you will generate

Expect to generate a large amount of trash, even for a small project. This will be on top of what the homeowner normally produces. Disposable tarps, newspapers, rags, lunch trash, bottles, cans and miscellaneous trash can add up faster than you expect. If you do any major cleaning, repair, or re-construction expect to have much more. If you're not sure whether you will need a bagster or a dumpster, discuss it with RT-AFF staff.



Fact: 3 or 4 trash bags = 1 cubic yard of trash

- Modest amount of trash
A minor project can, and probably will, make at least 5 large garbage bags of trash, on top of what the homeowner normally generates. Check your county or private company regulations but this can usually be disposed of in the regular trash pickup. Most jurisdictions will not let trash sit on the curb more than 12 hours before the designated trash day. Can your homeowner handle this? Or will you arrange to have it moved? Even this amount will still need to be monitored for hazardous material, glass, prohibited items and recycling. Have a staging area for the trash and appropriate bins, bags and containers for disposal. Make sure you know how to separate recyclables for your area.
- Moderate amount of trash
This is more trash than would regularly be put out for pick-up; a small amount of construction waste, a cabinet or two, or a toilet, as well as moderate amounts of miscellaneous trash. Plan to have most of it hauled away by volunteers.
- Large amounts of trash
Will you be tearing out a ceiling, gutting a bathroom, roofing, or performing major repairs? You will have a large amount of trash. You'll need someone with a pick-up truck who may need to make several trips to the dump. Plan on who will load and unload the truck. Will you have to bag wall or ceiling plaster or drywall? Will the dumpsite even take your material? How will you separate hazardous material, glass, prohibited items and recycling?
- Extra-large amounts of trash
Will your project make more trash than your volunteers can comfortably haul away, even with a pickup? You will probably need to utilize many of the resource options such as bulk pickup, taking items to the recycling and hazardous waste facilities or

getting a dumpster placed at your project site. Please note that the 15/20 cubic yard dumpsters may contain only brush, construction debris or household waste and not a combination of these items. Every dumpster put on site cost us \$475 plus disposal fees. Make sure you really need one.

You will need to monitor what is placed in the dumpster. Please note that you cannot dispose mattresses, box springs, couches, yard waste, tires or hazardous materials (oil, paint, etc.) in the dumpster. Make sure not to overfill the dumpster as it needs to be covered with a tarp when transport it.

RT-AFF will also make arrangements for a special trash pick-up if necessary. All materials will need to be placed in separate piles (metals, lumber, etc.) Please consult with RT-AFF staff to determine the availability of dumpsters and special trash service.

Consider calling a metal pick-up recycler to the site. They may be able to collect all kinds of metals as well as batteries, radiators, transmissions, junk cars, refrigerators, washers, and stoves – at no cost to you (or RT-AFF)! One we have used in the past is called Metal Pick-Up, call Melissa at (213) 505-3444. She makes her money by recycling the metal. Contact Jon Armstrong to set up this pickup.



Another option is utilizing a **Bagster**. Buy it, store it, use it when you need it. It's compact and simple to set up. It will hold up to 3,300 lbs of debris or waste. Once it is filled, just schedule the collection online or by phone. Go to <http://www.thebagster.com> to find a store (most Home Depot stores) to purchase the Bagster. It will cost \$30 to purchase the bag and \$211.75 for the collection fee. A reduced fee of \$157.30 is charged for an additional bag pickup.

Get a general idea of the type of trash.

Will there be construction debris? County services will not accept other than a very small amount. We're all more environmentally aware these days – plan to recycle. Know how you are disposing of hazardous material, paint, trash, metal etc. Private refuse companies and public facilities are strict about what they accept. Fines, delays and refusing to accept our rubbish are just some of the problems we can encounter. Refer to the trash information in this manual for your jurisdiction and follow the rules!

Have a staging area for trash.

Everyone should know where to put the trash. It should be out of the way but convenient for volunteers and to haul it away. Put a tarp on the ground under the trash area. This will help define and contain the trash area. It will also keep nails, screws and other things from getting into the lawn posing a safety hazard now and later. Have clearly defined areas for recycling and trash needing separation. Examples would be construction debris, hazardous materials, metal, etc.

Encourage volunteers to clean as you go

Sort as you go makes clean up at the end of the day a lot easier. Have volunteers finish a job using a shop vacuum with a HEPA filter.

What supplies and tools do I need for trash disposal?

- Garbage bags. We recommend contractor size bags. These are stronger and bigger than normal garbage bags.
- Recycling bags. Some jurisdictions use clear bags or special containers for recycling.
- Garbage cans or bins for collecting waste in a room or area.
- Tarps for setting out trash to be loaded in a truck for hauling.
- Signs to tell volunteers where to put trash and how to separate trash.
- Snow or flat shovels are useful for large cleanup
- Dust pans and brooms
- Wet/Dry vacuum
- Rakes
- Rags
- Buckets and pails
- Cleaning solutions

How to set up a paint clean up station

Having a central place for paint and paint tools will help keep the work site clean and well organized. Volunteers will know where to go for more paint and additional tools, paint cleanup will be easier, and you have less chance of contaminating water sources. Consult with the painting tips guide for recommendations.

The cleanup station should be near a water source and should minimize the chance of getting paint all over the homeowner's house. A basement utility sink is ideal or, on a warm day, near a garden faucet outside. In a pinch a kitchen counter can be used if precautions are taken.

You will need:

- Several five-gallon buckets
- A plastic tarp
- A bottle of liquid dish soap (for cleaning brushes, rollers and paint)
- A small cheap brush (for cleaning pans)
- Rags and paper towels
- Garbage bags
- A supply of plastic grocery store bags
- Plastic wrap (to wrap brushes, rollers and pans during breaks)
- Latex or poly gloves
- An assortment of tarps, plastic and newspapers for volunteer use.
- Kitty litter for soaking up paint spills and disposing of contaminated paint.
- Straining cloths (nylon stockings, netting or commercial paint strainers)

Setting up the paint clean-up station

- Use the tarp to protect the station area.
- Fill one 5-gallon bucket half-full with clean water.
- Fill one 5-gallon bucket half-full of soapy water.
- Label one 5-gallon bucket for pouring contaminated paint.
- Set up trash bags for waste and paper towels for use
- Have other supplies handy for use.
- Make sure volunteers know where the paint clean-up station is and how to use it.
- Post clean up procedures.

Suggestions for volunteers as they set up to paint

- Volunteers should open paint on a tarp, not on carpeting or the floor.
- Mixing and stirring of paint should be done at the paint station.
- Volunteers should take several plastic grocery bags for transporting used brushes and pans to the paint station.

When volunteers take a break

- Cover the roller, brush and pan in plastic wrap or a plastic grocery bag.
- Seal as tightly as possible.
- Put the lid back on the can or cover with plastic wrap or bag.
- Place out of the way of other volunteers.
- The paint will be good when you return.

Clean up when volunteers are finished painting a room

- Get as much paint back in the can as possible from the pan, roller and brush. Strain if necessary. If paint is too contaminated to put back in can, pour into a designated waste container.
- We do not recommend cleaning roller covers. Throw the covers away after taking them off the cages. Insert the cage and roller in a plastic garbage bag. Knock the end of the roller cage free of the cover. Remove the cover in the bag and dispose of the cover in the bag. Clean the roller cage.
- Wipe brushes, cages and pans with paper towels.
- Rinse brushes, cages, and pans in the clear water bucket several times.
- Rinse brushes, cages, and pans in the soapy water bucket several times.
- Brushes, cages, and pans can now be cleaned in the sink or under running water. Use more soap. The cleaning brush will get the last bit of paint off pans.
- Squeeze out excess water from brushes and hang up.
- Wipe out pans and set aside.
- Wipe off cages and set aside.

Periodically throughout the day

- Change the water.
- Pour soapy water in sink or toilet. Never pour down a storm drain!
- Fill empty bucket with water.
- Add soap to former clean water bucket.
- Rotate as necessary.

End of day Paint Clean-Up

- Have a volunteer do final cleanup of brushes, cages and pans.
- Have a volunteer go around the house with a spray bottle of soapy water and rags to look for paint drips.
- Combine partially filled cans of paint. Make sure colors and finish are the same!
- Wipe paint can edge and firmly replace lids.
- Pack up supplies.
- Any liquid for disposal must be left open to evaporate or absorbed with paper or kitty litter. Do not dispose of liquids in trash!
- Clear paint area of tools, supplies, paint, etc.
- Remove and dispose of protective tarp in trash bag.
- Double bag all paint trash and remove from area.
- Check area for cleanliness.

End of project day checklist

- House and yard are clean.
- Gather all found tools and supplies in a central area (outside if possible) so they can be claimed.
- Assign one or several volunteers to the paint clean up area for final cleanup of paint, brushes, rollers and pans.
- Assign other volunteers as needed for specific clean up tasks, examples might be to have a volunteer with a spray bottle and towel to look for paint splatters.
- Make sure trash is separated into:
 - Recycling: Prepared according to the jurisdiction
 - Refuse for county or private pick up: Following limits of jurisdiction
 - Hazardous waste: prepared per disposal instructions
 - Brush and yard waste: prepared according to guidelines
 - Bulk items or special collections items (mattresses, refrigerators, construction debris).
- Trash is securely bagged, canned, or tied or prepared appropriately.
- Arrangements are made for trash pick-up, dumpster removal or hauling.
- Paint or any other messy items are secure from accidental spills.

Local Government Trash and Recycling Web Sites

Arlington County: <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/>

City of Falls Church: <https://www.fallschurchva.gov/369/Trash-Recycling-Organics>

City of Fairfax: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/public-works/operations-division/refuse-recycling>

Fairfax County: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash>

Town of Herndon: <https://www.herndon-va.gov/residents/town-services/trash-and-recycling>

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ARLINGTON COUNTY – TRASH & RECYCLING CURBSIDE OVERVIEW

Customer Contact Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 703-228- 5000

Arlington County provides weekly curbside trash and recycling collection services to all single-family homes, duplexes and some town houses. The customer handbook can be found here: [Customer Handbook – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#).

Collection Time

- Set your cart out by 6 a.m. on your collection day (no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before).
- Secure your carts to keep contents from spilling onto the street.
- Remove your carts from the curb within 24 hours of collection.

Backdoor Pickup

Backdoor pickups can be arranged for residents who are unable to take their trash and/or recyclables to the curb. [Apply for backdoor collection online](#) or call [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000). Certain restrictions apply.

Missed Collection or Partial Pickup

Missed collections must be reported no later than 7 p.m. the first business day following your trash day. You may report a missed collection online using our [reporting tool](#) (“Residential Curbside Collections”>”Missed Service – Missed Collection”) or by calling [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000).

What’s Accepted as Trash?

It’s important to recycle and compost as much as possible, but some items go in the trash, including broken household goods.

Bag household trash before placing it in the [trash cart](#). Trash may be left if improperly prepared for collection. Other trash items must be bagged, bundled or containerized for collection.

What’s Required for Recycling?

Place all recyclable materials in the [blue recycling cart](#). Unacceptable materials such as cardboard boxes containing packing peanuts, Styrofoam or trash will be tagged and left at the curb. **Do not leave recycling in bags (even paper shopping bags, which can be recycled empty): Items should be loose and free in the blue cart.**

Recyclable materials placed outside of the cart should be placed in household containers, or cardboard boxes. Recyclable materials placed in plastic bags outside of the cart will be treated as trash. Remember to always empty and rinse all containers. Residential home properties are required to recycle the following materials:

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard (no size restrictions)
- Metal cans
- Metal household items (large household appliances, bicycles, cabinets, doors, grills, iron furniture, etc.)
- Mixed paper (cardboard, magazines, newspapers, office paper, etc.)
- Plastics

Food Scrap Recycling

Using the green curbside cart year-round for organics: [food scraps](#) along with [yard waste](#).

Glass Recycling

Glass should be taken to [one of the County's recycling drop-off locations](#) or placed in the trash cart. Keep glass out of the blue cart.

Hard to Recycle Materials

Some items, while recyclable, are not accepted in your blue recycling cart. These items include:

- **Wire Hangers** – Reuse or take back a local dry cleaner.
- **Shredded Paper** – Reuse as kindling if possible. The Solid Waste Bureau also provides [monthly shredding](#) for residents and accepts shredded paper at the event. Because shredded paper pieces are too small for the blue recycling cart, bag them and place them in the black trash cart for home disposal.
- **Plastic Bags** – Plastic bags cause damage to recycling facility machines. Try to reuse your plastic bags. Then recycle them in the bin at the grocery store. Plastic bubble wrap/cushioning can also be deposited at the supermarket.
- **Polystyrene Materials** – Packing blocks and peanuts, food containers, construction materials and similarly produced items should be placed in the trash.

Bulk Household Items

Household items that are too bulky to be bagged, bundled or put in the trash cart (e.g., large furniture like sofas, mattresses, box springs and futons) no longer require a pickup request. These items can be placed at the curb for regular trash collection, unless they can be dismantled with the metal pieces separated, which can then be [recycled](#).

You must arrange for the disposal of items weighing more than 500 pounds through a private hauler at your own expense.

For large and/or bulk household items such as debris from flooding, residents must follow these guidelines:

- County carts must weigh less than 200 pounds. Personal containers and plastic bags must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Household items that are too bulky to be bagged, bundled or put in the trash cart (e.g., large furniture like sofas, mattresses, box springs, futons or home construction debris) do not require a pickup request. These items can be placed at the curb for regular trash collection, unless they can be dismantled with the metal pieces separated, which can then be [recycled](#).
- Furniture must fit into the back of a trash truck.
- For electronics and bulk metal, residents can schedule a curbside special collection by calling the DES Customer Contact Center at [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000).

Trash should be properly prepared for pickup on the designated trash collection days. Collection days can be determined using the [Refuse Collection Day](#) or calling the Customer Contact Center at 703-228-5000.

What To Recycle in Arlington

Only **ALKALINE** batteries can go in TRASH. All other batteries should be disposed at the HHM Facility or battery drop-off locations throughout the County.



METAL



metal cans, aluminum foil & trays

NOT recyclable in single-stream dumpster or cart



PAPER



juice boxes, milk, wine & broth cartons

cereal & food boxes, cardboard

mixed paper, newspaper, books, magazines

PLASTIC



plastic bottles & jugs #1-#7 (with lids)

containers, wide-mouth plastics

rigid plastics

- Place items in recycling containers: **EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY.**
- Pull apart mixed recyclables.
- Please take glass to a County Recycling Drop-Off Center.



For more information: 703-228-5000 · recycling.arlingtonva.us



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Manténgalo simple y recicle lo básico.

- Papel
- Cartulina
- Aluminio o latas de metal
- Botellas de plástico o jarras de plástico

No ponga contaminantes en el carrito azul de reciclaje.

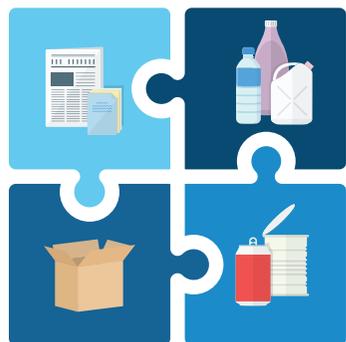
Contaminantes son materiales que son puestos dentro de los contenedores de reciclaje que están muy sucios y no son aceptables en el programa de reciclaje. Si usted no esta seguro si el articulo debería ponerse en el carrito azul de reciclaje, es mejor ponerlo dentro del carrito negro de basura y evitar contaminación. En caso de cualquier duda, tírelo a la basura.

Artículos en común que deben de mantenerse fuera del carrito azul de reciclaje:

- Bolsas de plástico
- Bolsas de snack o de golosinas
- Plástico de sobres acolchados (Sobres de Amazon)
- Plástico para uso una sola vez
- Poliestireno
- Compostables (Servilletas, papel toalla)
- Cacerolas y sartenes

El reciclaje limpio beneficia a nuestro condado.

Durante la estación primaveral, el procesador de reciclaje del condado clasificara los reciclables en Arlington para establecer los componentes de productos básicos de un tonelaje de material reciclado. Dicha clasificación dará un porcentaje total de cada tipo de material que es típicamente presentado en tasa promedio de toneladas de reciclables. Dichos porcentajes son multiplicados por el costo de mercado por mes para determinar el valor acreditado para el condado por cada tonelada de materiales enviados al establecimiento de reciclaje. Esencialmente, mientras el reciclaje sea más limpio, más crecerá el valor monetario acreditado para el condado, permitiéndonos proveer servicios valiosos a nuestros residentes a un precio competitivo.



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Fire Prevention at the Curb

Lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries, rechargeable batteries often used in laptops, mobile devices, electronics and toys, can ignite fires and should never be placed in the trash or recycle carts. Even the small batteries in greeting cards present a fire hazard to recycling staff and facilities. **Li-ion batteries should be taken to the Household Hazardous Materials Facility (HHM) or similar disposal site.**

The HHM facility also accepts electronics, small appliances and other commonly used household products that are flammable, corrosive or poisonous. Drop off items by appointment Monday-Thursday, and every Saturday without appointment. For more information scan the QR code below.



Scan here with your mobile device.

Compost your food scraps.

Remember, food scraps can be co-collected in the green organics cart, along with yard trimmings.



Step 1 - COLLECT: Collect food scraps in a countertop pail using compostable bags.

Step 2 - PLACE CURBSIDE: Place bags of food scraps in green organics cart and place cart at curb on your pickup day.

Step 3 - WEEKLY PICKUP: Crews will pick up the food scraps weekly.



For more information on curbside food scraps collection visit: bit.ly/3rEJW16

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BACK TO BASICS RECYCLING MADE SIMPLE



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Keep it simple and only recycle the basics.

Recycling rules have changed significantly over the past few years. More stringent quality standards have been imposed by domestic and foreign markets, glass has been removed from the blue cart in Arlington, and lower-grade mixed plastics are not as marketable anymore. With so many changes the rules of recycling seem to be increasingly more complicated, but actually they are very simple.

Focus on recycling these four materials in your blue cart:



Don't put contaminants in the blue cart.

Contaminants are materials that are placed into recycling bins that are either too dirty to recycle or are just not accepted in the program. If you don't know if an item is accepted in the blue recycling cart it is best practice to avoid contamination and place it in the black trash cart. **When in doubt, throw it out.**

Common contaminants:



Proper recycling benefits our County.

Making our best efforts to focus on the basics of recycling and reduce contamination has several benefits. First, clean materials are easier to process at the recycling facility and, thus, more likely to be recycled. Highly contaminated loads of recyclables are often discarded as trash since they cannot be effectively processed. Ensuring a clean stream of recyclables means that a higher percentage of Arlington's materials will be recycled into new products.

Second, a clean stream of recyclables will generate higher prices for Arlington's recyclable commodities. In turn, this will save Arlington money by maximizing the value of the materials that we send to the recycling facility.

In February, the County's recycling processor will sort a sample of Arlington's recyclables to establish the commodity components of a recycled ton of material. The sort will set the percentage of each type of material that is typically present in an average ton of recyclables delivered by the County to the facility. These percentages are then multiplied by market commodity prices each month to determine the value credited to the County for each ton of materials sent to the recycling processing facility. Trash, contaminants, glass and other non-recyclable materials are given zero value. Thus, reducing the amount of contamination increases the overall value of a ton of Arlington's recyclable commodities. The bottom line, a cleaner recycling stream increases the monetary value credited to the County enabling us to continue providing valuable services to residents at a competitive household solid waste rate.

What's in Arlington's Blue Cart?



Take glass to one of the County's recycling drop-off centers.

Data gathered through a quarterly (Q4 2022) waste stream sort illustrates the breakdown of materials collected in the blue recycling carts. Currently trash and glass make up about 14% of the recycling stream and have no value.

ARLINGTON COUNTY – YARD WASTE DISPOSAL & COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Arlington provides weekly curbside collection of yard waste to single-family homes, duplexes and some townhomes in the County. Yard waste collection occurs on your regular scheduled trash collection day.

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves and trimmings too small to be included as bundled brush. Small branches and limbs must be no longer than four feet and no thicker than three inches in diameter. For larger limbs or tree trunks, schedule a free brush pickup.

The following yard waste must be small enough to fit in your County provided green yard waste cart (also used for food scraps), paper lawn/leaf bags or your own personal container (20 to 32-gallon).

- Acorns
- Bamboo trimmings
- Dead plants
- Dethatching material
- Flower and vegetable bed debris (corn stalks, tomato plants, etc.)
- Flowers
- [Grass clippings](#)
- Hay/straw
- Ivy
- Leaves
- Ornamental grass
- Pine cones and needles
- Shrub trimmings
- Small tree limbs
- Twigs
- Vines
- Weeds
- Wood chips, mulch

Yard trimmings are composted and made into mulch or a variety of soil amendments depending on the material and the time of the year. The composting process makes the materials heat up causing weeds, invasive materials and other unwanted yard waste to die.

Paper Yard Waste Bags

While supplies last for spring and fall cleanup seasons, free biodegradable paper bags for pickup at the following locations **during leaf and spring-cleanup seasons only**. Limit 15 per residence. Paper yard waste bags are also sold at most hardware stores.

- [Courthouse Plaza/Bozman Government Center](#)
2100 Clarendon Blvd., 703-228-3000, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- [Langston-Brown Community Center](#)
2121 N. Culpeper St., 703-228-5210, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- [Solid Waste Bureau](#)
4300 29th St. S., 703-228-6570, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
- [Thomas Jefferson Community Center](#)
3501 2nd St. S., 703-228-5920, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- [Madison Community Center](#)

3829 N Stafford St, 703-228-5310, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- [Aurora Hills Library](#)

735 18th St S, 703-228-5715, Monday, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- [Long Branch Nature Center](#)

625 S Carlin Springs Rd, 703-228-6535, Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; **Starting Nov. 13: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.**

Collection Guidelines

- Place your yard trimmings at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before and by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- Items may be collected in your County provided green organics yard waste cart, paper lawn/leaf bags, personal reusable household containers that are between 20 and 32 gallons or tied bundles.
- Items placed in your County provided cart must weigh less than 200 pounds.
- If paper lawn/leaf bags or personal containers are used to collect materials, they must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Yard waste must not be included with regular trash. Trash will not be collected if trash and yard waste are mixed.
- Remove dirt, stones, litter, sod and other debris from your yard waste.
- Small branches, not placed in your County provided green yard waste cart should be tied with string or twine into manageable bundles no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Yard waste placed at the curb in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Brush and tree limbs too large to be collected during regular yard trimmings collection can be collected by [scheduling a large brush collection](#).
- Collected yard waste material will be delivered to a Virginia-permitted composting facility certified by the U.S. Composting Council.

ARLINGTON COUNTY – LEAF COLLECTION

Routes run Monday – Saturday including holidays except Thanksgiving.

Two passes per civic association. ([Arlington civic associations map](#))

[View the in-season leaf vacuum collection status map](#)

Schedule Information

- Sign up for [leaf schedule Listserv email updates](#).
- Look for neighborhood signs posted three to seven days before each pass by civic association. The first pass is in November (bright yellow); the second pass is in December (orange). **Note:** The date on the sign marks the beginning of the leaf collection window. Leaves may not actually be collected on that date, but should be left at the curb from that date until they are collected.
- Missed a collection? Bag leaves for the next weekly collection or wait for the second vacuum pass.

How to Prepare for Vacuuming

- Rake leaves to curb the weekend before the posted start of zone collection (residents with contract lawn services should plan ahead).
- Don't block roadways with leaves more than seven days in advance of a scheduled vacuum leaf collection as it can interfere with traction, blocks traffic, limits street parking and is a potential fire hazard.
- Pile leaves away from storm drains, water meter covers, low wires and parked cars.
- Remove stones, litter, branches and other debris from leaves to prevent equipment damage and worker injuries.
- Don't place leaves in plastic bags or trash carts.
- Never park your car on leaf piles — it's a fire hazard.
- Drive slowly around leaf trucks, especially when passing.
- Always look out for children playing in and around curbside leaf piles.

ARLINGTON COUNTY – RECYCLING DROPOFF CENTERS

Arlington recycling drop-off sites are available for use only to residents and small businesses owned or operating within the County. Please don't dump: Do not leave behind any item unless there is a specific marked bin for it.

IMPORTANT:

- Recycle only the materials specifically listed and place them in the appropriate bins. Placing other materials in the bins may make the entire load unmarketable, and might even cause the loss of a buyer for future loads.
- Make sure all containers are rinsed clean.
- Keep the recycling center litter-free.
- Report any problems encountered while using the drop-off center to [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000).
- Available to small businesses owned or operating within the County.

For glass jars and bottles/mixed paper/cardboard/plastic containers/metal cans:

- [Quincy Park Recycling Drop-Off Center](#)
- [Trades Center Recycling Drop-Off Center](#)

Quincy Park Recycling Drop-Off Center

N Quincy St & Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201

Hours: Open daily from dawn to 11pm.

What's Accepted

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard (no size restrictions)
- Glass (bottles and jars)
- Metal cans
- Mixed paper (cardboard, magazines, newspapers, office paper, etc.)
- Plastics

Trades Center Recycling Drop-Off Center

2700 S. Taylor St., Arlington, VA 22204

Hours: Monday–Friday 5:00a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Closed on Sundays

What's Accepted

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard (no size restrictions)
- Glass (bottles and jars)

- Metal cans
- Mixed paper (cardboard, magazines, newspapers, office paper, etc.)
- Plastics
- Food scraps

Exclusively for glass jars and bottles:

- [Aurora Hills Community Center](#)(southwest side of building – purple pin on [map](#))
- Lee Community Center (retired facility; bin remains on east side of building – purple pin on [map](#)). 735 18th St S, Arlington, VA 22202
- [Madison Community Center](#) (northside of building – yellow box on [map](#)). 3829 N Stafford St, Arlington, VA 22207

For Household Hazardous Materials/Electronics:

- [530 31st St. S.](#) (Water Pollution Control Plant Gate 3) | Information: [HHM](#) & [electronics](#)

For Inert Materials/Scrap Metal/Food Scraps

- [Trades Center](#)

ARLINGTON COUNTY - INERT MATERIALS AND PAPER SHREDDING

4300 29th St. South, Arlington, VA 22206

Hours: Weekdays – 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. by appointment only (703) 228-5000

Frist Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

Inert Materials

Accepted:

- Asphalt
- Ceramic tile (no metal mesh)
- Concrete
- Earth
- Masonry block
- Rock
- Sand

NOT accepted

- Brush
- Construction debris (paint, drywall, lumber etc.)
- Electronic waste (TVs, computers, etc.)
- Bulk waste (furniture, mattresses, etc.)
- General trash

Only a small pickup truck load or 3 cubic yards of material can be accepted at the [Inert Materials and Scrap Metal Drop-Off Facility](#).

Free Paper Shredding

- Paper shredding is held the first Saturday of the month unless that is a three-day holiday weekend; if a holiday weekend, shredding shifts to the next Saturday.
- As of July 2024, free monthly paper shredding hours are 8 a.m. to noon.
- For Arlington County, Virginia residents only (sorry, businesses are not allowed).
- Limit of two boxes (no larger than 18 in. x 11 in. x 10 in.), or two paper bags per customer.
- Acceptable: paper (including staples, paper clips), checks/checkbooks.
- Unacceptable: magazines, catalogs, credit cards, three-ring binders or phone book-sized material.
- Already shredded paper accepted; do not place shredded paper in blue recycling carts as it is too unwieldy for regular sorting.

ARLINGTON COUNTY – ELECTRONICS

Electronics

Electronics often contain toxic heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury, which are typically found in cathode-ray tube (CRT) TVs and monitors, printed circuit boards, batteries, relays and switches. Also, capacitors in some types of older and larger equipment may contain polychlorinated biphenyls.

Schedule a Pickup

[Schedule an electronics pickup online](#) or call [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000) Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. A \$20 pickup fee for CRT televisions and/or a \$15 fee for CRT computer monitors will be added to your quarterly utility bill.

How to Prepare for Pickup

- Place items at the curb next to your recycling cart on the scheduled pickup date.
- Small and loose materials should be placed in your yellow bin or a small rigid container labeled “E-WASTE.”

Drop-off at 31st Street South and other options

- Drop off at the [Household Hazardous Materials Facility](#)/Electronics Collection and Recycling Center (located at [530 31st St. S.](#) – Water Pollution Control Plant Gate 3): Old-style CRT TVs are accepted for a \$20 recycling fee and CRT computer monitors are accepted for a \$15 recycling fee, both due at the time of your drop-off. Exact change required or checks made out to “Arlington County Treasurer.” All other electronics are accepted free of charge.
- Reduce and reuse by [donating to charity and community organizations](#).
- Drop off at a biannual [Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event](#) (E-CARE).

ARLINGTON COUNTY - METAL AND APPLIANCES

Schedule a Pickup

[Schedule an appliance or metal pick-up online](#) or call [703-228-5000](tel:703-228-5000) Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. There is a charge, added to the quarterly [utility bill](#), for pick-up of items including refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, trash compactors, air conditioners and water heaters. There is no additional charge for multiples of an item. Metal items not listed above will be collected free of charge but still must be scheduled.

How to Prepare for a Pickup

- Pile items separately, curbside or in the street (not in the yard).
- There must be an overhead clearance of approximately 25 feet.
- Don't pile items under low-hanging power lines or tree limbs.
- Don't place items next to parked cars. The truck needs at least a 10-foot clearance from cars to avoid possible damage.

Drop-off in Shirlington and other options

- Small scrap metal items (maximum 50 pounds each item) can be dropped off at the [Inert Materials and Scrap Metal Drop-Off Facility](#). Smaller appliances can also be dropped off with a recycling fee applied.
- Some large metal items and appliances (air conditioners, cabinets, exercise equipment) should be collected curbside from residential customers.
- Reduce and reuse by [donating to charity and community organizations](#).
- Drop off at a [Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event](#) (E-CARE).

ARLINGTON COUNTY – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Household Hazardous Materials/Electronics Collection Recycling Center

Location: [530 31st St. S.](#) (Water Pollution Control Plant Gate 3) [703-228-5000](#)

Drop-off Hours: Every Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Weekdays by appointment only on Monday - Thursdays, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

What Are Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)?

- HHM are products found in the home that are flammable, corrosive, poisonous or potentially hazardous.
- HHM products typically found in the kitchen, bathroom, workshop or garage contain hazardous ingredients that pose human health and environmental risks when managed improperly.
- Household electronics, such as TVs and computers, often contain hazardous and toxic materials that pose environmental risks if they're taken to a landfill or incinerated.

Hazardous Material Drop Off

Arlington's HHM Facility accepts most solid, liquid, compressed gas and aerosol products--typically flammable, corrosive or poisonous--and used in the home. Common HHM products include paint, motor oil, pesticides and fertilizer.

The HHM Facility/[Electronics Collection and Recycling Center](#) is open most days of the week for drop-off **only to Arlington County residents and employees**. There is no charge for the service. Business and commercial hazardous materials are not accepted.

- Product labels with words like “danger,” “warning” or “caution,” followed by a statement of the principle hazard(s) (“combustible,” “caustic,” “toxic”) indicate an HHM, requiring careful use and proper waste management disposal.
- [Household electronics](#) like TVs and computers often contain hazardous and toxic materials that pose environmental risks if taken to a landfill or incinerate

[E-CARE](#), a waste drop-off event, is traditionally held in spring and fall.

Unaccepted Materials

- Ammunition or explosives
- Friable asbestos (crumbly)
- Medical wastes
- [Prescription medications](#)

PAINT - Latex Paint

If the can is less than 25 percent full of latex paint, it may be solidified at home by the resident for disposal via curbside trash collection. For the home disposal process, you should wear old clothing, gloves and eye protection. Work in a well-ventilated area. Add kitty litter to the open latex paint cans. Stir in enough kitty litter to achieve a very thick paste. Place the cans in a trash bag inside your trash cart for collection. If the can is more than 25 percent full of latex paint, arrange for drop-off at the HHM Facility by calling 703-228-5000

-Oil-based: There is no curbside collection for oil-based paints. Cans should be dropped off at an HHM facility like Arlington's.

MERCURY

Each mercury thermometer contains one gram of mercury, enough to contaminate a 20-acre lake. Devices containing mercury should be dropped off at the HHM Facility.

MOTOR OIL

- Motor oil should be dropped off at the HHM Facility.
- Use a dirt-free pan that can hold as many quarts as your car's crankcase, a pan that **has not** been used for paint, cleaning solvents, antifreeze or other chemicals besides motor oil.
- Pour your used oil from the drain pan into a container with a leak-proof lid, such as a rinsed-out plastic milk jug. Use a funnel to avoid spills. Don't mix or blend your oil.
- If you change your oil filter, drain the old one by punching a hole in the top and inverting it over your drain pan. Dispose of the old filter by putting paper towels over the hole. Then put the old filter and paper towels in the box your new filter came in. Place the box in the trash.
- To reuse your used oil container, put the lid back on and save it for your next oil change. Store it away from children and pets.

BATTERY/FLUORESCENT LIGHT DISPOSAL

Alkaline Batteries

Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V), also known as single use or general purpose batteries, are typically used in flashlights, toys and other household items. **These can be disposed of in regular trash.**

Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries include nickel-cadmium (NiCd) or nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries that are used in digital cameras and other high-tech devices and lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries used in laptops and mobile devices. Never place these types of batteries in any of the curbside collection carts because they can overheat, explode and cause fires. Rechargeable batteries can be dropped off at the fire stations listed below and Arlington County's [Household HazMat \(HHM\) facility](#).

Small "Button Cell" Batteries

Small "button cell" batteries, commonly found in wristwatches, hearing aids and calculators, contain silver oxide and mercury and must be disposed of carefully at a special drop-off location like a fire house or [HHM facility](#). If a professional retailer replaces this type of battery they will usually dispose of the old one for you. Do not place "button cell" batteries in the trash or a curbside recycling cart.

Automotive and Similar Size Batteries

Car and similar batteries can be collected with [curbside recycling](#) ("Residential Curbside Collections") or dropped off at the County [HHM Facility](#).

Fires Stations Accepting Rechargeable, Lithium, Silver Oxide and Mercury Batteries

- [Fire Station 1: Glebe Road](#)
- [Fire Station 2: Ballston](#)
- [Fire Station 4: Clarendon](#)
- (under construction)

- [Fire Station 9: Walter Reed](#)
- [Fire Station 10: Rosslyn](#)

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

CFLs contain mercury and shouldn't be thrown in the trash.

CFL Drop-off Sites

- [Aurora Hills Branch Library](#)
- [Bozman Government Center](#)
- [Central Library](#)
- [HHM Facility at Water Pollution Control Plant](#)
- [Solid Waste Bureau](#)

Fluorescent Tubes

Fluorescent tubes are one of the most popular and widely used lighting options available, but they contain mercury and must be correctly disposed of at an [HHM facility like Arlington's](#). Do not place in the trash.



City of Fairfax

Solid Waste Services Guide

2023

The City of Fairfax is committed to providing excellent solid waste management services and aims to minimize the amount of waste being sent to the landfill through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and recovery.

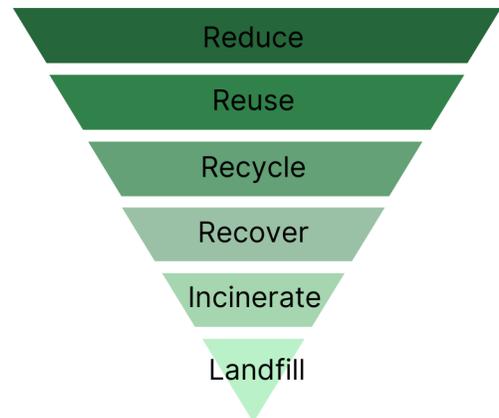
WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

Source reduction, also known as waste prevention, reduces waste at the source, and is the most environmentally preferred method of waste management. Source reduction can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save natural resources, conserve energy, reduce pollution, and protect the environment.

Most Preferred



Least Preferred



How can you make a difference?

REDUCE

- Use reusable bags when shopping
- Purchase items in bulk or in large containers instead of single serving packages
- Bring reusable cups, bottles, and mugs for take-out beverages, or beverages on the go
- Switch to paperless options for billings, receipts, and more
- Subscribe to online newspapers
- Remove yourself from mailing lists to avoid excess junk mail

REUSE, REPAIR & REPURPOSE

- Buy items from thrift stores, flea markets, or online reuse sites
- Donate unwanted clothes, books, furniture, and household items to local charities
- Reuse materials for crafts, school projects, or other purposes
- Repair or repurpose broken items to avoid creating more waste
- Compost food scraps and organic materials in your backyard or at the city's composting center (see page 6)

Weekly Curbside Collection Services

The City of Fairfax provides curbside collection of refuse (trash), recycling, brush, yard waste, loose leaves (seasonally), large items, and debris for residents living in single family homes, duplexes, and townhouses on your designated collection day (except for holidays).

Residents must place containers and other items on the curb no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Containers may be set out no earlier than dusk the evening prior to collection day and must be removed from the street by 8 p.m. on collection day.



When placing your items on the curb, do not block fire hydrants, utility access, storm drains, or sidewalks.

BACK DOOR COLLECTION SERVICE

Need assistance? The city provides special back door collection service of trash and recycling for older adults or people with disabilities. Apply for the backdoor collection service online at fairfaxva.gov/backdoorcollection. For more information or assistance, email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7837. Certain restrictions apply.

REFUSE (TRASH)



Routine household trash collection is provided for materials resulting from normal residential use and routine home maintenance. Place trash in containers (up to 65 gallons) or plastic bags. See below list of acceptable items:

ACCEPTED

- **Normal household trash:** up to 60 pounds
- **Animal waste, diapers:** bag to reduce odors
- **Building material:** small amounts of debris, not from a contractor, must be placed in trash cans weighing no more than 60 pounds
- **Medical needles & sharps:** place in a thick plastic container with screw-on cap labeled SHARPS
- **Sawdust, cold ashes, loose packaging material:** secure in plastic bags, and ashes make sure ashes are cold to prevent fires

PROHIBITED

- **Hot ashes**
- **Brush, yard waste, and leaves:** see page 3
- **Recyclables:** see page 4
- **Hazardous waste:** see page 7
- **Solid waste from any work done by contractors**

Weekly Curbside Collection Services

BRUSH & STUMPS

Brush includes limbs, branches, and tree trunks that are maximum 6 feet long. Large piles of brush may be placed on the curb at any time. Place piles of brush at the curb in an open area accessible to the crane truck. Do not place piles under power lines or trees, or close to walls, or vehicles.



YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes cut grass, plant and shrub clippings, twigs, limbs, and garden vegetation from general yard maintenance. Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or containers at the curb. Loose yard waste in the street will clog storm drains. The city does not collect loose piles of yard waste from the street.



The use of plastic bags for yard waste collection is prohibited. Residents must use reusable containers, paper yard waste bags, or bundle their waste.

LEAVES

In April, November and December, the city collects leaves loose at the curb by vacuum suction truck. Check fairfaxva.gov/recycling for exact dates. During leaf season, leaves must be raked or placed at the curb or street edge. At all other times of the year, leaves must be disposed of as Yard Waste (see instructions above). **Leaves in bags or trash cans will NOT be collected during leaf season.**



LARGE ITEMS & APPLIANCES

Materials and household appliances too large to fit in a waste container (furniture, stoves, water heaters, car parts, storm doors etc.) can be placed behind the curb no more than 24 hours before collection day. Ensure items are placed away from parked vehicles, and low-hanging limbs and wires. Remove doors from appliances for safety.



DEBRIS

Debris collection includes large amounts of bulky material such as drywall, asphalt shingles, brick, metal, concrete, plate glass, and lumber. Place large amounts of debris in separate piles at the curb. Small amounts of debris must be placed in waste cans weighing no more than 60 pounds.

Contractor waste is NOT collected by the city.





Residential Recycling Guide

Include only these items in your recycling bin:

PAPER



- Paper bags
- Newspaper and magazines
- Mail
- Mixed paper

CARDBOARD



- Flattened boxes
- Cereal and snack boxes
- Toilet paper and paper towel rolls

PLASTIC



- Bottles, tubs, and jugs
- Lids and labels may be left on

METAL



- Metal food cans
- Aluminum cans, foil, and trays
- Empty aerosol cans
- Labels may be left on

All materials must be empty, clean, and dry. Do not bag recyclables - leave materials loose in the bin. Labels and lids may be left on. **When in doubt, leave it out.**

DO NOT place these items in your recycling bin:



Do not bag recyclables - leave items loose in the bin



No plastic bags or film packaging - return to retailer



Bring glass to a Purple Can Club container, or place in trash



No food wrappers, bags, or packaging - place in trash



No styrofoam or plastic takeout containers - place in trash



No shredded paper - compost or place in trash

RECYCLING

Every household is required to recycle materials identified on the *Recycling Guide*. **Leave recyclables loose in the recycling containers. Recyclables placed in a plastic bag are automatically sent to the landfill by the recycling facility.**

Residents may use multiple recycling bins or supply a larger container labeled "recycling" (if possible, please choose blue-colored containers).

**The city provides recycling bins upon request.
Email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7837.**



Can I Put this In My Recycling Bin?

The most common form of recycling contamination stems from *wishcycling*, or adding items to your recycling bin without knowing if it is actually recyclable, hoping it will be disposed of properly. When in doubt, leave it out.



PLASTIC WRAP & FILM PACKAGING



Recycle bubble film packaging, air packets, plastic wrap, and film packaging at participating grocery stores.



TANGLERS

Hoses, Leashes, Chains, Ropes, String Lights, etc.



Tanglers jam sorting machinery and cause recycling facilities to be temporarily shut down. Reuse, repurpose, or place these items in the trash.



BATTERIES



Do not place batteries in the recycling or trash bin to avoid fire hazards. For detailed disposal information visit: fairfaxva.gov/HHW



LIGHT BULBS

Incandescent, Compact Fluorescent & LEDs



Light bulbs may contain mercury and are difficult to recycle. For detailed disposal information visit: fairfaxva.gov/HHW



STYROFOAM



Consider purchasing eggs in cardboard cartons or bringing your own take-out containers. Place styrofoam in the trash.



CLAMSHELL PACKAGING



Clamshell packaging is made with low-quality plastic, making it difficult to recycle. Place this type of packaging in the trash.



CLOTHING, SHOES & TEXTILES



Donate gently used clothing and shoes to local thrift stores, charities, or clothing swaps. Confirm if donation centers take rags and unkempt textiles.



PLASTIC SERVICWARE & CUTLERY



Plastic serveware is made of low-quality plastic, making it difficult to recycle. Reuse plastic serveware, or place in the trash.



PAPER PLATES & CUPS



Paper serveware with a thin layer of plastic should be placed in the trash. If there is no plastic coating, compost paper serveware at the city's composting center. See page 6.

For a detailed YES / NO list of recyclables accepted in the city's curbside recycling, visit fairfaxva.gov/recycling.

Voluntary Drop-off Programs

Composting

As much as a quarter of residential waste is organic material that can be composted. Residents are encouraged to drop off their food scraps at the city's 24-Hour Composting Center, adjacent to the Community Garden on the west side of Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St.



Pick up a FREE compost caddy at City Hall Atrium (lobby):
10455 Armstrong Street
Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Acceptable Items Guide



Fruit and Vegetable Scraps, Egg Shells, Coffee Grounds

*These items can also be composted in your backyard.



Meat, Seafood, Bones, and Shells | Bread, Pasta and Grains | Leftovers and Spoiled Food



Food Soiled Paper | *Certified Compostable Bags/Products | Paper Bags and Plates (no plastic coating)



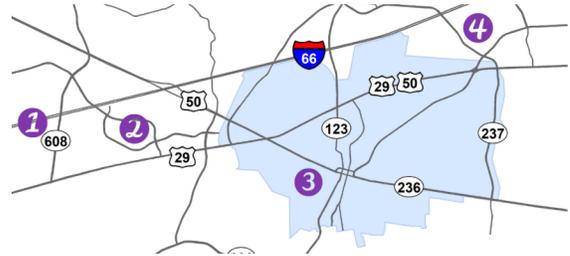
Recyclables | Plastic Bags | Oil or Crisco | Styrofoam

Food scraps must be placed in a certified compostable bag, which are available at the Composting Center.

fairfaxva.gov/composting

Glass Recycling

Glass is not accepted in curbside recycling. Glass should be reused, taken to one of the conveniently located Purple Can containers, or placed in the trash.



- 1 **I-66 Transfer Station:** 4618 West Ox Road
- 2 **Fairfax County Government Center:** 12000 Government Center Parkway
- 3 **10700 Page Ave:** Off Judicial Drive
- 4 **Providence Community Center:** 3001 Vaden Drive



Acceptable Items Guide

YES!



- ✓ All colors, shapes, & sizes of glass
- ✓ Empty & rinse
- ✓ Labels can be left on
- ✓ Caps & lids are ok

NO!



Do Not Bag Glass (place loose in the bin)



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to retailers)



No Lamps or Light Bulbs (drop off at local hardware store)



No misc. Glass (ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, etc.)

fairfaxva.gov/purplecan

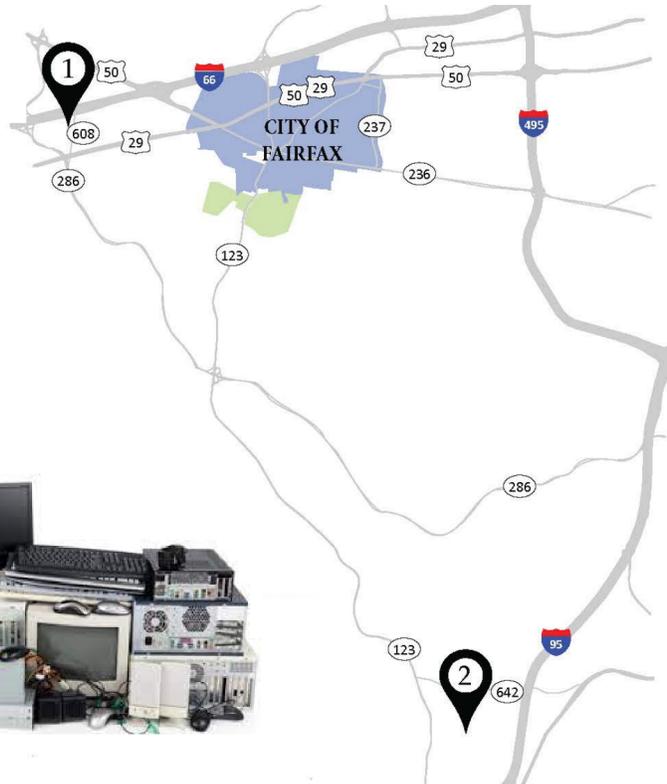
Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Centers

Fairfax City residents may use the Fairfax County Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Centers to dispose of trash and recycling, household hazardous waste, electronics (E-Waste), glass, food scraps, and more. Proof of City of Fairfax residency may be required. Acceptable forms of proof includes drivers license, state ID card, and property tax bill or utility bill.

For hours of operation and more information about the I-66 Transfer Station, and I-95 Landfill, visit: fairfaxcounty.gov

1 I-66 Transfer Station
4618 West Ox Road,
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-631-1179, TTY: 711

2 I-95 Landfill
9850 Furnace Road,
Lorton, VA 22079
703-690-1703, TTY: 711



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

- Computers
- Televisions
- Cell phones
- Gaming Systems
- Stereos
- Cables
- Other household electronics



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Automotive oil and antifreeze
- Cleaners and polishers
- Mercury (thermometers)
- Oil-based paint
- Stains and varnishes
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
- Propane tanks
- Fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides
- Paint thinners, strippers, and solvents



Household hazardous waste should never be disposed of in the regular trash or poured down the drain. Household hazardous waste refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain materials that are toxic, corrosive, or reactive. For detailed disposal instructions, visit fairfaxva.gov/HHW

FREE MULCH

FREE Mulch can be picked up at the I-66 Transfer Station or I-95 Landfill when supplies are available. Call the Fairfax County Mulch Information Line: 703-324-5995, TTY: 711.



General Information and Resources

Trash and Recycling Website: fairfaxva.gov/recycling

General Trash and Recycling Questions, Missed Service, or to Request a New Bin:

Email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7837

Loose Dirt - Collection Arrangement: 703-385-7837

Leaf Collection Information: 703-385-LEAF

Composting Center: Composting@fairfaxva.gov

Rout Finder: To find your collection day, enter your address in our route finder at fairfaxva.gov/routefinder

All Other Inquiries Visit fairfaxva.gov

The City of Fairfax is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability, please call 703-385-7850, TTY; 711.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

No curbside collection for trash or recycling will take place if your scheduled collection day falls on a holiday listed below. Collections will be delayed one day from the holiday, all other collections will remain the same throughout the rest of the holiday week.

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

Stay Connected

STAY INFORMED WITH CITY ALERTS



Find out about city government activities and services via Fairfax City Alert. The city offers dozens of categories of interest, including government closures, tax payments, special events, safety messages, road closures, and more. Messages are sent via email, or text (and in rare circumstances telephone).

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The Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) is an advisory committee made up of volunteers appointed by the City Council.

The ESC is committed to guiding the city to become a greener, more sustainable place to live, work, and play. Learn more at fairfaxva.gov/ESC.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - HOUSEHOLD WASTE

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- Place rolling cart at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday (or after 5 p.m. Tuesday evening). Containers must be returned to the side or rear of the residence by Wednesday evening.

Excess Trash and Yard Waste Stickers/Fees

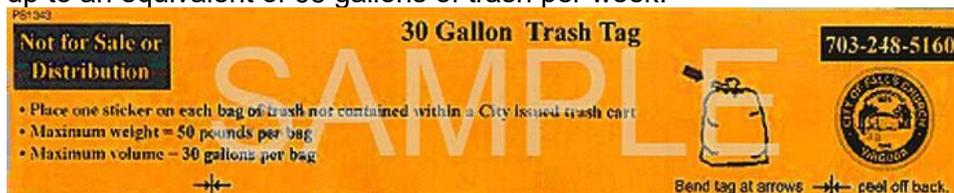
- Excess trash and yard waste stickers are \$1 each and are available for purchase at City Hall Treasurer's Office (300 Park Ave, Suite 201W), and Giant Food Stores (corner of Haycock Road and W. Broad Street). Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) Ayers Variety & Hardware (5853 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22205)

Single Family Detached Homes – Tag Requirements

- Customers with the standard 65-gallon trash cart are required to use a yellow sticker for each bag of trash (up to 30 gallons in size) that does not fit inside the cart.
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- Customers with the smaller 35-gallon cart are also required to use a yellow sticker for each bag of trash (up to 30 gallons in size) that does not fit inside their assigned cart.
 - Customers with a disability accommodation or unable to use the rolling cart, should call Solid Waste Office to discuss accommodations. 703-248-5160
 - Yellow stickers should be placed around the neck of the bag or across the bag (close to the top of the bag) so they are clearly visible.

Town Homes and Condos – Tag Requirements

- Customers are required to use a Trash Tag for each bag of trash that does not fit into a City-issued trash cart. Each attached household was given the option of receiving a 35 gallon or 65-gallon trash cart or using personal containers or bags. In order to provide town home customers with equivalent service to detached home customers, each customer with personal containers or 35-gallon containers will receive special Orange Trash Tags for trash up to an equivalent of 65 gallons of trash per week.



- Customers with a 35-gallon trash cart or no trash cart will receive Orange Trash Tags. Once a customer runs out of assigned Orange Trash Tags, \$1 Yellow Trash Tags must be purchased for each bag of trash not contained within a city-issued cart.
- Customers with a 65-gallon trash cart must purchase yellow stickers for excess trash that does not fit inside your assigned cart. Extra bags of trash may be placed inside personal trash containers if the containers are less than 50 pounds when full and are less than 30 gallons in size.
- Orange stickers may be requested by calling 703-248-5160 (TTY 711) or by email Recycling@fallschurchva.gov. Stickers given to residents with no trash cart or a 35-gallon trash cart are to last residents one full calendar year. If you use all allotted orange stickers before the year time frame has ended, residents must purchase yellow stickers until the year time frame has been met.
- Trash Tags should be placed around the neck of the bag or across the bag (close to the top of the bag) so they are clearly visible.

Self-Haul Option

Trash and small amounts of construction debris are accepted at the Fairfax County Transfer Station, 4618 Ox Road, for a fee. Call 703-631-1179 (TTY 711) for more information.

Materials Not Collected with Weekly Refuse

The following items can severely damage equipment. If your trash contains even a small amount of any of these materials, collection will not occur. Some of these items may be collected as a special bulk collection for a fee.

- Bricks, concrete, block, rocks, stone
- Construction debris
- Contractor trash and construction debris
- Dirt, sod, sand, railroad ties
- Drywall, shingles, floor/ceiling tiles, lumber, asbestos
- Furniture and other items that are too large or heavy to fit inside a trash container
- Hazardous waste
- Metal (large items)
- Paint cans with wet paint (see below for specific instructions)
- Sheets of glass, windows, mirrors
- Stumps and trees
- Tires
- Yard Waste and Brush

Paint Disposal

Oil-based paint is a hazardous waste and must be disposed of as described under Household Hazardous Waste.

Latex paint (water-based) is not hazardous but it must be properly prepared for disposal. Fill latex paint cans with sand, kitty litter or a paint hardener to absorb paint residue, then let the contents dry. Place dry paint cans next to your trash on collection day. Leave the lids loose (or off if it isn't raining) so that collectors can check the contents of the cans. NEVER pour paint into the ground or into storm drains.

Used paints can be disposed of at the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station (4618 W. Ox Road).

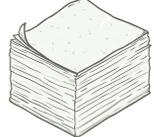
RECYCLE THESE IN YOUR BIN

(Empty, clean, dry, and loose - NOT in plastic bags)

PAPER








PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS







METAL





Bottle Caps



Jar Lids



CARTON







RECYCLE ELSEWHERE (Just NOT in your curbside bin)

			
PLASTIC BAGS	E-WASTE	TEXTILES	HAZARDOUS WASTE
Please return to your local grocery store	Recycle for free at eAssets Solutions (427 Maple Ave.)	Drop-off for free at Recycling Center (217 Gordon Rd.)	Drop-off for free at Fairfax County Waste Station (4618 West Ox Rd.)

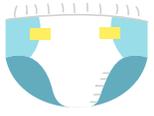
GLASS RECYCLING





Glass jars and bottles should no longer go in curbside bins. Recycle bottles and jars (lids are okay) at Purple Can at Recycling Center (217 Gordon Rd.)

NOT RECYCLABLE (Put these items in your trash)

				
SHREDDED PAPER	DIAPERS	TAKEOUT CONTAINERS	STYROFOAM	PIZZA BOXES
Too small to sort out at recycling facility, but you can compost shredded paper!	We wish we were joking, but used diapers end up in recycling bins. GROSS. DON'T DO IT.	Plastic takeout cups and containers (clamshell) are not recyclable but can be reused at home!	Not recyclable at all. This includes containers, peanuts and packing inserts.	Grease and cheese are not recyclable. Pizza boxes must go in trash.

Questions about specific items?
Find out "What Goes Where" at www.fallschurchva.gov/Recycle

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH – RECYCLING - CURBSIDE

Recycling is collected once a week on Wednesday (City-designated holidays are collected the following Saturday). Place items at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday (or after 5 p.m. Tuesday evening). Containers must be returned to the side or rear of the residence by Wednesday evening.

- Place all recyclable material into the City provided green rolling cart or green recycling bin, no separation is necessary.
- Recyclables should be clean and empty
- Do not bag recyclables. Leave loose in the container.
- No items smaller than 2"x2." No utensils, straws, small dressing or condiment cups.
- Place cardboard boxes inside or next to the recycling cart (or bin). Boxes do not need to be flattened.
- There is no limit to the amount of recycling that may be placed at the curb. Extra containers (clearly marked "recycling"), cardboard boxes or paper bags may be used in addition to the city issued recycling cart and bins.
- Include only listed items: aluminum cans, cardboard (no size restrictions), metal cans, mixed paper (magazines, newspaper, office paper, cardboard, etc.), and plastics (excluding plastic bags).

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH RECYCLING CENTER

This self-serve facility provides a convenient place for residents and businesses to drop off commonly recycled items. For information call: (703) 248-5160

City of Falls Church Recycling Drop-Off Center – self-serve 217 Gordon Rd. (near intersection of Route 7 and Shreve Rd.)

Hours

- Vehicles Can Drive-In: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Otherwise, the center is closed to drive-in traffic, but customers may park and carry items in.
- Pedestrians Can Walk-In: Monday through Sunday, dawn to dusk.

Accepted Items and How to Prepare Them for Recycling

Please be aware of the following acceptable items and how to properly prepare them. Contaminated dumpsters at the Recycling Center could be thrown out by the processor -- please take care to prepare the items you want to recycle!

- **Clothing & Textiles** -Bag the items and drop off in the green bin just outside the entrance. Textiles must be clean. Items not accepted include pillows, bedding, rugs, wet and mildewed textiles. Acceptable items include:
 - Clothing, paired socks, belts, handbags and hats
 - Paired shoes tied together
 - Drapes and curtains
 - Sheets and towels
 - Fabric remnants
- **Glass Containers** – Glass containers like bottles and jars are not accepted in curbside recycling carts or any City recycling receptacle. Glass should be recycled in the Purple Can at the Recycling Center on Gordon Road, or in any Purple Can across our neighboring counties.

Rinse. Lids and labels are okay. Do not include bags in the container at the Recycling Center. Items not accepted: light bulbs, mirrors, windows, pyrex or cooking pans

- **Scrap Metal** - Metal items must be small enough to fit into the container. Do not include non-metallic items, air conditioners with refrigerant, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, or other hazardous material. Acceptable items include:
 - Siding
 - Bed frames
 - Metal Fencing
 - Chairs
 - Shelves
 - Tire rims
 - Ladders
 - Pipe
 - Microwaves
 - Coat hangers
- **Mixed Containers** - Rinse items and remove from bags. Acceptable items include:
 - Plastic bottles and jugs (No. 1 & 2)
 - Metal/steel food and beverage cans
- **Mixed Paper** - Remove items from plastic bags. Acceptable items include:
 - Newspaper
 - Colored paper
 - Office paper
 - Junk mail
 - Paperboard (cereal boxes, cracker boxes etc.)
- **Cardboard** – Flatten boxes. Trim pieces to fit into the container at the Recycling Center.
 - Remove packing materials like bubble wrap, plastic wrap, Styrofoam, etc. Only cardboard should go into the container at the Recycling Center.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 217 Gordon Road, Fall church VA 22046
- 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Open to City of Falls Church community members only; ID or other proof of residency is required.
- Residents will be asked to stay in their vehicles and allow event staff to remove items and materials directly.

Accepted Items

- Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) such as household cleaners, automotive fluids, herbicides, pesticides, oil-based or latex paints, fluorescent bulbs, and petroleum based products.
- Electronics like computer monitors, laptops, desktops, TV's, printers and toners. [See the full list of accepted items](#). No kitchen appliances are accepted.
- Paper shredding -- up to three boxes.
- Other items:
 - Bicycles.
 - Clothing, accessories (like belts and purses), textiles (like bed sheets, towels, and curtains), and clean scrap cloths.
 - Small kitchen appliances in good working order.

Not Accepted Items

- Large kitchen appliances such as refrigerators, laundry machines, or air conditioners;

- Broken small kitchen appliances, including dehumidifiers and vacuum cleaners;
- Metal kitchen items like pots and pans;
- Other medical items, such as drugs, medicine, or syringes.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH DAILY RECYCLING OPTIONS

Make every day a recycling extravaganza! All of the recycling options at an Extravaganza are available throughout the year!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- Daily Drop-off: City residents can use the [Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station](#), also known as “the dump.” The facility is located at 4618 West Ox Rd, Fairfax 22030. [Check their website for operating hours.](#)
- HHW is consumer products that contain materials with any of the following characteristics: toxic, ignitable, corrosive, or reactive. This includes cleaners, automotive fluids, herbicides, pesticides, oil-based paints, and thinners. Latex paints also accepted.

Clothing and Textiles

- Daily Drop-off: visit the [City’s Recycling Center](#) at 217 Gordon Rd. [Check the website for operating hours.](#)
- Accepted items include clothing (both functional and clean scraps), belts, handbags, hats, paired socks, paired shoes, drapes, sheets, towels, fabrics, and more. A tax receipt is available.

Electronics

- Daily Drop-off: City residents can use, free of charge, the services at [eAsset Solutions](#) at 427 N. Maple Ave. [Check their website for the full list of accepted items.](#)

Paper Shredding

- Annual Falls Church Recycling Event.
- Retail stores like Staples may offer shredding for a fee.

Bicycles

- Daily Drop-off: Bikes for the World is a non-profit that makes affordable, good quality used bicycles available to low-income people in developing countries. They [host a number of collection events](#) and [partner with area bicycle shops, like Bikenetic](#), that offer donation drop-off services. They request a \$10 donation per bike to help with shipping.

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

- City Hall
- Check for donation boxes at grocery store customer service counters.

Medical Supplies (not including medicine and drugs)

- Daily Drop-off: Find donation options through [the Virginia Medical Brigade](#).
- Details: Canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers. No shower chairs or bathroom chairs accepted.

Metal Items

- Daily Drop-off: visit the [City’s Recycling Center](#) at 217 Gordon Rd. [Check the website for operating hours.](#)
- Acceptable metal items include pots, pans, tools, pipes, venetian blinds, small metal appliances and other miscellaneous metal items.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - HARD TO RECYCLE

Those who live in the City are invited to drop off electronics with our partner [eAsset Solutions](#). CRT monitors and other monitors, which typically incur recycling costs, will be accepted for free. Proof of residency in the City of Falls Church is required.

eAsset Solutions is located at 427 N. Maple Ave. and accepts drop-offs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from

Hard to Recycle Items

- Drop off regular recyclable items at the Falls Church [Recycling Center](#).
- Bring non-standard recyclables to the annual [Recycling Extravaganza](#) in October.

Acceptable electronics at annual Recycling Extravaganza:

- Calculators
- Cell phones
- Computers
- Computer components
- Copiers
- Fax machines
- Pagers
- Radios
- Scanners
- Stereos
- Telephones and answering machines
- TVs and VCRs
- Typewriters
- Walkmans

Bring bikes, sewing machines, clothing and textiles, canes, crutches, walkers, strollers, paired socks running shoes, eye glasses, hearing aids, printer cartridges, and cell phones for recycling, donation, or reuse.

Other Recycling Options for Hard-to-Recycle Items

The City of Falls Church does not endorse the businesses listed below.

- **Aluminum, Copper, or Brass:**
 - City of Falls Church [Recycling Center](#)
217 Gordon Road
Falls Church, VA 22046
 - G&L Metals
2945 Eskridge Road
Merrifield, VA 22031
 - I-66 Transfer Station: Fairfax County
4618 W. Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
- **Antifreeze:**
 - City Sunoco
934 West Broad St.
Falls Church, VA 22046

- Jiffy Lube
1014 W. Broad St.
Falls Church, VA 22046
- Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Facility
4618 W. Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
- Annual City of Falls Church Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.
- Other service stations
- **Batteries:** Button, car, lithium, mercury, and rechargeable batteries are considered hazardous waste. Regular alkaline A, AA, AAA, C, and D batteries are non-hazardous and may be disposed of in the trash.

If it is rechargeable, it is recyclable! Take Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion, or Pb (small sealed) rechargeable batteries to the [Police Department](#) and place in the "RBRC" box under the dispatcher window: 300 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046

- Car batteries can be taken to local service stations, [Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station](#), or the semi-annual [City of Falls Church Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).
- Button batteries can be taken to the semi-annual City of Falls Church Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event or the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Facility:
4618 W. Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
- The [Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation](#) has drop-off sites that accept batteries.
- **Books:** Donate books in good condition to:
 - [Mary Riley Styles Public Library](#)
 - Local charitable organizations (AAUW, VPIS)
 - Thrift stores
- **Cars:** Donate to:
 - [Wheels for Wishes](#)
 - [Veteran Car Donations](#)
- **Cell Phones:**
 - Semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza
 - Police Department
 - [Sheriff's Office](#).
- **Clothing and Textiles:**
 - Semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza
 - Recycling Center drop off box
 - Local thrift stores.
- **Coat Hangers:** Take metal coat hangers back to the drycleaner and donate plastic coat hangers to thrift stores.
- **Light Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent, Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs), and Tube Fluorescent):** These light bulbs contain mercury and are hazardous waste. Take to Home

Depot, the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Facility, or the annual City of Falls Church Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. For more information about recycling light bulbs, visit the Know Toxics [website](#).

- **Computers and Computer Components:** Some options have an associated cost.
 - Semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza (free)
 - [Fairfax County recycling events \(free\)](#)
 - [eAsset Solutions LLC \(703-534-5865\)](#)
 - Service Source in Alexandria: 703-461-6000
 - PCRecycler, Inc.: 800-731-1909
 - Computer Warehouse: 703-821-1400
 - Goodwill
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** See the [Metropolitan Council of Governments' Builders' Guide to Reuse and Recycling](#).
- **Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids:** Lions Club boxes at the Library, City Hall, Community Center and eyewear shops
- **Foam Packing Pieces:**
 - UPS
1069 West Broad St.
Falls Church, VA 22046
 - Other mailing shops

Furniture: Donate to:

- Falls Church Community Services Council: 703-222-0880, TTY 711
- Homestretch
- Thrift stores
- **Inkjet Printer Cartridges:** eAsset Solutions, LLC.
- **Medical Supplies:** Canes, crutches, wheelchairs and walkers can be donated to the semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza.
- **Motor Oil:**
 - City Sunoco
 - Jiffy Lube
 - Other service stations
 - Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Facility
 - Semi-annual City of Falls Church Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
- **Plastic Bags:**
 - Giant Food Store
1230 W. Broad St.
Falls Church, VA 22046
 - Other supermarkets
- **Scrap Metal:**
 - Falls Church Recycling Center
217 Gordon Road
Falls Church, VA 22046

- Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station
- G&L Metals
2945 Eskridge Road
Merrifield, VA 22031
- **Strollers:** Semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza
- **TVs:** If you are a City of Falls Church residential curbside customer, call 703-248-5160 for a special collection (fee of \$30 per TV for pickup and recycling). You can also use one of the following events:
 - Semi-annual Recycling Extravaganza (free)
 - Fairfax County Recycling Events (free)
 - eAsset Solutions (free to City Residents)

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - YARD WASTE

Yard Waste Collection in Brown Bags

Acceptable yard waste materials include grass, leaves, and trimmings too small to be included as bundled brush arising from general landscape maintenance. Waste from tree trimming or removal done by a contractor will not be picked up by the City's contracted service provider. Yard waste is collected each Wednesday, excluding City holidays.



Yard waste must not be included with the regular trash. Trash will not be collected if trash and yard waste are mixed. Plastic bags are not compostable and therefore yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

- Materials must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard debris bags (plastic bags are not acceptable), available at local grocery and hardware stores.
- A yellow \$1 Extra Trash and Yard Waste Tag must be affixed to each bag. Stickers are available at City Hall Treasurer's Office (Suite 103 East) and Giant Food Store (Corner of Haycock Rd. and Broad St.
- Each bag must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Yard debris bags must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday (or after 5 p.m. on Tuesday).
- Yard waste that is not properly prepared will not be collected. Items may be treated as a special collection with the resident charged accordingly.
- Items not collected are sod, dirt and railroad ties.

Brush Collection

Bundled brush yard waste and brush are collected year-round on Wednesdays (except on observed City holidays). Only residential customers receiving City-provided solid waste trash and recycling service receive brush and yard waste collection.

Bundled Brush Collection

Brush includes tree branches, small tree stumps, and large shrubs. Brush resulting from tree trimming or removal done by a contractor will not be picked up by the City's contracted service provider.

Properly prepared bundled brush is collected free of charge year-round on Wednesdays. Collection instructions:

- Brush must be cut in 5' lengths with no individual branch or trunk larger than 6" in diameter.
- Brush must be securely tied with cord or twine that is strong enough to hold the material together.
- Brush may be neatly stacked in a container, 30 gallons or less in size, labeled "Brush."
- Brush mixed with small yard waste trimmings requires a \$1 Yard Waste Sticker.
- Each bundle or container must not exceed 50 pounds or be too large or bulky to be loaded safely by one person into the collection vehicle.
- Brush must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday (or after 5 p.m. on Tuesday).
- Brush must be stacked at the curb, avoiding sidewalks and storm drain openings wherever possible, and not in the gutter.
- Brush may also be placed in paper yard debris bags with yellow collection stickers (see yard waste section).



Unbundled Brush Collection

Collection of unbundled brush requires a special bulk collection and fee (\$75 for 2 cubic yards of material). When scheduling a special collection that includes brush, keep brush piles 5' from other collection items.

Brush and Yard Waste Self-Haul Option

Loose brush is accepted at the Fairfax County Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road for a fee. Call 703-631-1179 (TTY 711) for more information.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - SPECIAL BULK COLLECTION

- Special collections occur on Wednesdays, year-round (except City observed holidays). Only residential curbside customers receiving solid waste collections are eligible for special collection services.
- Special bulk collections are available for items too large or heavy to fit into a trash container and for unbundled brush or brush exceeding 6 inches in diameter. Common examples include: furniture, moving debris, and household appliances.



- Residents may request a special collection before Tuesday at noon for Wednesday collection. Request the collection online or give us a call:
- **NEW:** Request online. [Visit our Recycle Coach App](#) on our trash, recycling and compost page (the box in the middle of the page). Scroll down and click Service Requests. Or download the smartphone app to make service requests from your mobile device.
- Call the Solid Waste Hotline at 703-248-5160 (option 1). You will be transferred to American Disposal who will schedule your special collection as well as take payment for services.
- Items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday. Depending on the types of material set out, several different trucks may be assigned to collect your materials.

Restrictions

Refuse and special collection services are provided only for the removal of materials resulting from normal residential use and routine home maintenance. Solid waste from any work done by a contractor must not be included with special collections. Contractors must arrange for the removal of solid waste or contact a private company to make alternative collection and disposal arrangements. The City is unable to collect the following items:

- Bricks, concrete, concrete blocks, rocks, stone
- Contractor trash and construction debris
- Dirt, sod, sand, railroad ties
- Asbestos
- Hazardous waste
- Paint cans with wet paint
- Tires
- Exercise Equipment
- Safes
- Toilets

Fees

All special bulk collection or appliance pick up are now a prepaid service starting October 2, 2019. American Disposal will take payment over the phone prior to service. The fee for special bulk collection is \$75 per two cubic yards of material. The appliance collection fee is \$30 per appliance.

Alternatives

Each large-scale disposal poses different challenges from the type of items discarded to the ideal timeline. When searching for the optimal solution, consider these alternatives:

- Self-haul. Residents may use Fairfax County's solid waste facilities, including their [Transfer Station](#) and [Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility](#) in Fairfax. Fees are related to the weight of the items disposed rather than volume. Household hazardous waste disposal is free. Consult their website for hours, fees and restrictions.
- Donation. If the item(s) are in working condition and have residual value, consider donating them to a local thrift store. Depending on the item and thrift store, home pickup may be available.
- Junk hauling contractors. There are many companies to choose from and a wide variety of services available (inside pickup, construction debris, etc). Prices vary. It is a good idea to check reviews and get quotes from multiple companies before requesting service.
- Off the shelf products like the 'Bagster'. Fill the three cubic yard bag at your leisure and call the hauling company for a pickup. These options can work well for construction debris, which are not accepted in the City's program.

- Scrap metal recycling. Metal items, including appliances like hot water heaters, grills (without the propane tank), etc. can be taken to the [Falls Church Recycling center](#) (free). Be aware that no trash is accepted at the Recycling Center. Illegal dumping is monitored via surveillance cameras and perpetrators are prosecuted.
- Contact a [solid waste hauling company](#) to inquire about options for managing large quantities of trash or construction debris.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

- Household hazardous waste refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain materials with one of the four characteristics of a hazardous waste: toxic, ignitable, corrosive or reactive. Household hazardous waste, such as cleaners, automotive fluids, herbicides, pesticides, oil-based paints, and thinners should not be disposed with regular trash.
- The safest way for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste is to bring it to the permanent collection facility hosted by Fairfax County (open every day of the week). Hazardous waste disposal is free of charge for all City residents.
- The facility is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Directions: take I-66 west to Route 50 west. Continue west and then go south on West Ox Road. Located on the right, just past the county's Fire Training Academy and before Costco.

Hours of Operation

Monday & Friday	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday	7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Procedures for Packing and Transporting Household Hazardous Waste

- Keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products.
- Make sure lids are tightly sealed. Label materials that are not in their original containers.
- Place leaking containers in a larger, plastic container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Secure products upright in a cardboard box. Do not transport products in plastic bags.
- Transport products in the back of a pickup truck or in a car trunk. Ensure adequate ventilation if transported in car passenger compartment.
- Keep flammables out of direct sunlight and away from sources of heat, spark, flame or ignition. Do not smoke.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

FAIRFAX COUNTY – WHO PICKS UP TRASH

County

This information applies to county collection customers who receive trash and recycling collection from Fairfax County Government, about ten percent (10%) of residents and businesses in Fairfax County. Unsure if you are a county collection customer? Visit "[Does Fairfax County Pick Up My Trash?](#)"

Private

In most cases, ninety percent (90%) of residents and businesses in Fairfax County, a private collection company picks up your trash and recycling. Residents are billed by the collection company or pay via their Homeowner Association fees. Please contact your provider directly regarding services. View [registered solid waste collection companies](#). A list is also included in this document.

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

FAIRFAX COUNTY – CURBSIDE TRASH

This information applies to COUNTY collection customers who receive trash and recycling collection from Fairfax County Government.

Accepted Curbside

(All trash must be bagged in the county trash cart)

- Normal household trash
- Syringes, Needles and Other Medical Sharps: Place in a sturdy plastic container (like a laundry detergent bottle) with screw-on top. Mark the container "residential sharps" and put in the trash cart.
- Broken glass should be placed in a taped box before placement in the cart.
- Animal waste must be double-bagged before placing in the cart.

Not Accepted Curbside

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Automobile parts batteries, tires and motorized equipment
- Bio-hazardous medical waste
- Rechargeable batteries of any kind
- Cement, concrete materials
- Construction and demolition debris (drywall, shingles, roofing material, insulation, concrete)
- Dead animals
- Dirt, sod, rocks, and stones
- [E-Waste](#) (Electronics including computers, TVs, cellphones, etc.) For pick up, schedule a [Special Pick-up](#).
- [Household Hazardous Waste](#) (including paint, motor oil, antifreeze, chemicals)
- Liquids (including sewage and septic waste) Propane or helium tanks, and Fire Extinguishers
- Lawn mowers (Take to Metal Recycling/White Goods Area of the [I-66 Transfer Station](#) or [I-95 Landfill Complex](#). Lawn mowers must be free of **gas** and **oil**)
- Broken Glass (must be boxed up/taped closed and labeled "glass")

Report Missed or Partial Pickups Please do not report a missed collection until **late in the day**. Report missed collections the following business day by 4:30 p.m.

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!



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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



**FAIRFAX
RECYCLES**

FAIRFAX COUNTY – CURBSIDE RECYCLING

This information applies to COUNTY collection customers who receive trash and recycling collection from Fairfax County Government.

Here are some simple rules to follow to avoid contamination and to make sure your recycling is collected and put to good future use.

- Place all recyclable materials loose in the blue recycling cart. There is NO need to collect your recyclables using plastic bags. This makes it harder to process.
- Recyclable material should be "clean and dry". [Rinse and remove any remaining food or liquid contents from your recyclables.]
- It is important to recycle as much as possible, however, some items go in the trash, including broken household goods.
- Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.

Prepare Pick-Up

- Recycle carts (blue) are used for recycling only. Do not use these carts for trash or yard waste. Do not place plastic bags in your recycling cart.
- Set your carts out by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- Don't place containers at the curb more than 1 day before your collection day; remove them within 24 hours after collection.
- Trash collection is for wastes accumulated from normal household activities only.
- Secure carts to keep contents from spilling onto street.
- Bag household trash before placing it in the trash cart.
- All trash must be placed inside the county provided cart. Trash or recycling, other than collapsed cardboard, placed outside the county-provided cart will not be collected. No privately-owned carts will be serviced. For extra service please contact customer service by calling 703-802-3322 | TTY 711.

Accepted Curbside

The following materials can be recycled in your blue recycling cart.

- Mixed paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, large paper coffee cups and sleeves.
- Collapsed cardboard. [All cardboard must be collapsed. Styrofoam™, packing peanuts, plastic, bubble wrap and any other material must be removed from the collapsed boxes, bagged and placed in the trash cart.]
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Cartons (milk, juice). Remove straws
- Plastic food and beverage bottles and jugs, large beverage to-go cups and dairy containers.

Not Accepted Curbside

- NO glass, NO plastic bags, NO takeout containers, NO diapers, NO greasy pizza boxes, NO Styrofoam™, NO packaging peanuts, NO Clamshell containers [either Styrofoam™ or clear plastic]
- [Household Hazardous Waste](#)
- [Electronic-Waste](#) (Electronics including computers, TVs, cellphones, etc.) For pick up, [schedule a Special Pickup](#).

Items not accepted curbside, may be taken to the [I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Landfill](#).

YES, THESE GO IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLE BIN - CLEAN, DRY & LOOSE!



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PLASTIC BAGS, FILM AND PILLOW PACKAGING



GLASS*



FOOD BAGS AND WRAPPERS



NEEDLES AND MEDICAL WASTE



SHREDDED PAPER



DIAPERS



MIXED PACKAGING



HANGERS, HOSES AND CABLES



CLOTHING



FOAM AND PLASTIC TAKEOUT CUPS AND CONTAINERS



BATTERIES

***GLASS BOTTLES & JARS CAN BE RECYCLED AT ANY PURPLE CAN IN THE COUNTY**



FAIRFAX COUNTY - SPECIAL PICK UP

Service includes 5 FREE special collections per customer, per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). You must schedule special collections (Freon, brush/limbs, bulk, electronic waste, and metal) in advance.

When

When you schedule your Special Pickup you will see a confirmation page with the scheduled due date. Set out items by 6 a.m. on the collection day.

What

Different trucks collect different types of materials. Piles should be separated by type (example: just brush or just metal, not mixed). Maximum 2 cubic yards of material (a pile about 6 feet long x 3 feet wide x 3 feet high). There will be a charge for piles greater than 2 cubic yards. See list of Accepted Materials. Any items not on this list will not be collected. Items must be less than 6 feet long.

Where

Set your items out at the curb/street line. If materials are placed at a location other than the curb of your address (around the corner or across the street), include instructions in the comments field of the online form. For safety reasons, there must be a 20 ft. clearance above and on all sides of special collection materials. Do not place items under utility wires or tree branches.

How

You can schedule a Special Pickup online or by phone.

<https://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Schedule by phone: Call the Customer Service Center at 703-802-3322 | TTY 711.

Accepted Materials

Appliances containing refrigerant or coolant

- Refrigerators/Freezers
- Dehumidifiers
- Air conditioners

Brush and Limbs

- Shrubs
- Tree limbs and branches under 6 inches in diameter and under 6 feet in length.
- NO LUMBER! NO BAMBOO. (Schedule as Bulk)

Bulk Material (Not made of glass or metal)

- Furniture: sofas, chairs, tables, dressers
- Lumber
- Doors
- Mattress & box spring
- Roll of carpet 6 ft. or less
- Wood pallets
- Bamboo

Items must be no longer than 6 feet in length.

Electronic Waste

Most electronic waste will be disassembled and the parts recycled. Fairfax County is not responsible for the security of data stored on electronic devices placed at the curb for pickup. Please do not include broken electronics as part of an E-waste pickup. Broken electronics should be put out with your regular trash.

- Computers & peripherals (e.g. printers, monitors, hard drives, keyboards)

- Phones
- Cameras
- Televisions
- Portable gaming devices
- Audio/Video equipment

Metal

Appliances and other metal items.

- Stove
- Washers/Dryers
- Metal shelves
- Bedframes
- Metal fencing
- Grills (no propane tanks)
- Exercise equipment
- Water heater

No cardboard, plastic bags, construction debris, or other items

FAIRFAX COUNTY – CURBSIDE YARD WASTE

This information applies to COUNTY collection customers who receive trash and recycling collection from Fairfax County Government.

What is Yard Waste

Yard waste is the organic waste generated by yard and lawn care and includes leaves, grass trimmings, shrub and tree trimmings. [No soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches or limbs or clean-up from storm damage.] **No bamboo or [invasive plants](#).**

How to Prepare

- Yard waste is collected and processed for recycling only during the period March 1 – December 24.
- Yard waste must be placed at the curb separately for collection.
- Yard waste must be placed in compostable paper bags or rigid containers [No plastic bags]. Small quantities of yard waste should be tied in bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds [pieces should be no longer than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter].
- More than 4 bundles of tied yard waste should be scheduled for a [Special Pickup](#).
- For more information on alternatives to yard waste management, visit [the Yard Waste information page](#).

FAIRFAX COUNTY - RECYCLING AND TRASH LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Known by many different names (i.e., recycling center, county dump, landfill), the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex continue to provide high-quality and environmentally responsible recycling and disposal services for Fairfax County!

I-66 TRANSFER STATION - 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA, 22030 - See Map
703-631-1179, TTY 711

Residential Customer Hours

Trash and Recycling and Food Scraps Drop Off :

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste (Electronics and Computers):

OPEN 6 Days (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Mon. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tue. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thu. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CLOSED on Wednesday

Permit Office:

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX - 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA, 2207
703-690-1703, TTY 711

Trash and Recycling Food Scraps Drop Off:

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste (Electronics and Computers):

OPEN 2 Days (Wednesday and Saturday)

Wed. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CLOSED on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday

Latex Paint ONLY Drop-off - Lot B

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RECYCLING

The I-66 Transfer Station accepts the following separated materials for recycling in the appropriately labeled collection area:

- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Glass Bottles
- Mixed Paper
- Cardboard
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Antifreeze
- Used Motor Oil
- Automobile Batteries
- Metals
- Cooking Oil
- Food Waste

Cooking Oil: Waste cooking oil is accepted 7 days a week. Take vegetable, peanut, canola, olive, and other deep fryer oils to Household Hazardous Waste for processing. **DO NOT** place cooking oil in the motor oil tanks. Keep cooking oil separate from fats and grease. Please continue to “can the grease” and dispose of it in the trash.

Electronics: Electronics such as televisions, computers, gaming systems, keyboards, speakers, cords, etc., should be dropped off in the designated area.

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



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dispose of common household hazardous waste items such as pesticides, herbicides, oil-based paint, and products containing mercury (thermometers and fluorescent lights).

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/household-hazardous-waste



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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/i-66-transfer-station

Trash and Recycling Questions:

Administrative Office	703-324-5230
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052
I-95 Landfill	703-690-1703
I-66 Transfer Station	703-631-1179
Mulch InfoLine	703-324-5995



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Transfer Station

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Waste Disposal & Regulations

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DISPOSAL FEES

Fees for disposing of refuse are based on volume (cubic yards) or weight (pounds). The county reserves the right to base the fee on either volume or weight. Customers may request that the disposal fee for bulk waste be based on weight rather than volume.

If weight-based pricing is used, the vehicle will be weighed on a scale and the fee calculated based on the weight of the waste.

There is a minimum fee for disposal of materials.

Recycling is always free!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/residential-disposal-fees-and-regulations

REFUSE (32-gallon bags)

BRUSH (branch/trunk diameter of 20 inches or less)

Fees for brush delivered in pick-up trucks may be based on volume if the materials do not extend beyond the height of the cab or the length of the truck. Otherwise, vehicles will be weighed.

YARD WASTE (leaves and/or grass)

PLASTIC BAGS ARE PROHIBITED for leaves or grass.

LOOSE LEAVES (seasonal)

WHITE GOODS & PROPANE TANKS

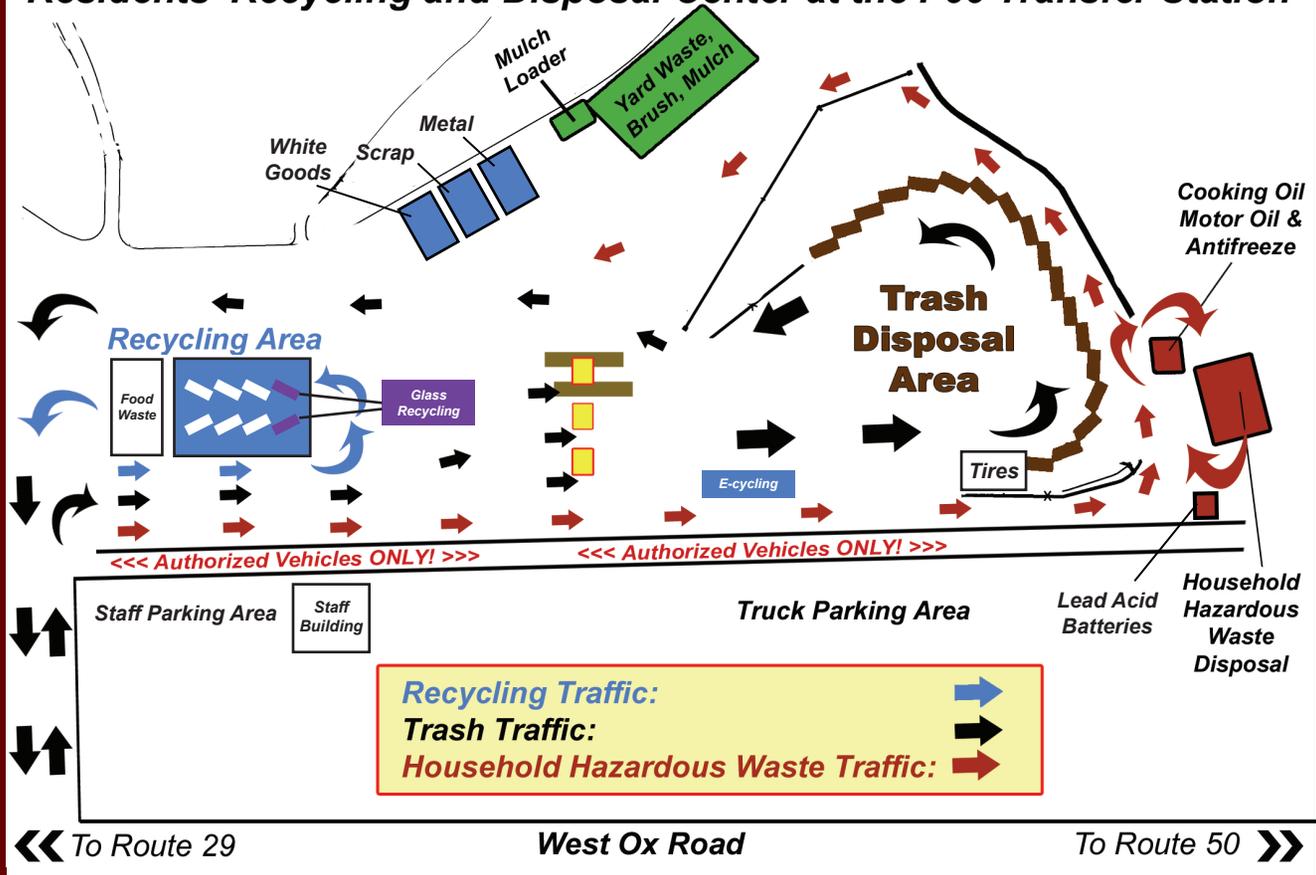
TIRES (limit 10 passenger or light truck only)

ROCK, DIRT, CERAMICS OR CONCRETE

Small amounts only (limited to up to 2 cyds (four 95-gallon carts) per day, per county resident household).



Residents' Recycling and Disposal Center at the I-66 Transfer Station



PAYMENT OPTIONS

WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DISCOVER, MAJOR DIGITAL WALLET, CASH or CHECK.

If a customer fails to return to the scales for an empty weight, Fairfax County will estimate the empty weight of the vehicle and customers will be charged accordingly. If action is necessary to collect the disposal fees, a penalty will be added.

FACILITY HOURS

DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Visit website or call 703-631-1179 for current facility hours.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/locations-hours

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday	Closed
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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/i-95-landfill-complex

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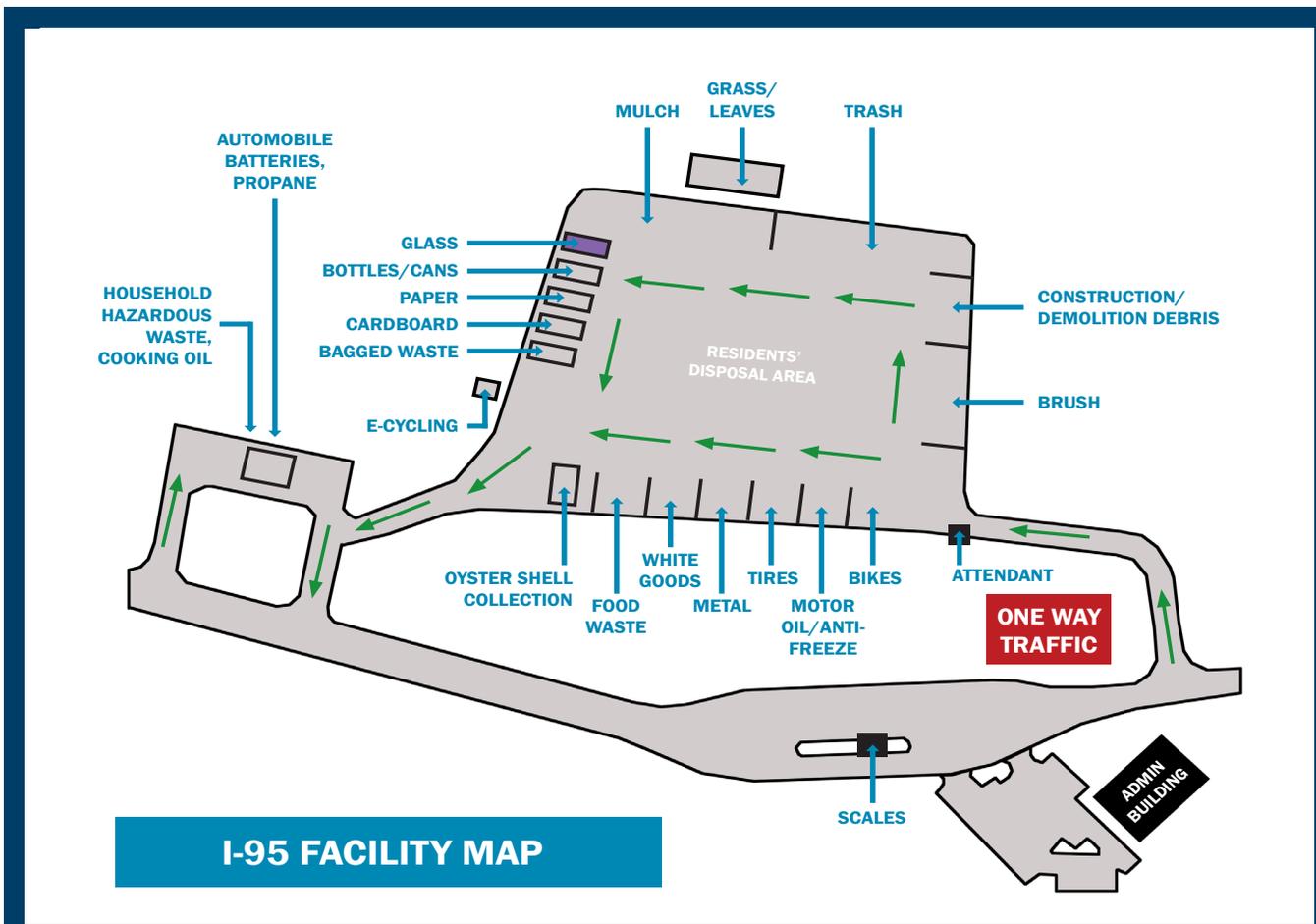
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WHITE GOODS & PROPANE TANKS

TIRES (without rims)

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes products used in and around the home that are **flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic**.

WHY DISPOSE OF HHW SEPARATELY?

By disposing of HHW separately it will be properly handled and packaged to minimize exposure to potentially harmful chemicals and will also decrease the likelihood that these chemicals will enter the environment.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS AND KEROSENE

Kerosene, automatic transmission fluid and power steering fluid can be recycled with **motor oil** at designated collection points at the I-95 Landfill Complex and the I-66 Transfer Station Complex any day of the week. **Brake fluid** and **gasoline** should be brought to the attended HHW drop-off locations at the I-95 Landfill Complex or the I-66 Transfer Station during operating hours.

DISPOSAL OF AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES

Used batteries can be traded in when purchasing a new battery. Lead acid batteries may be brought to recycling centers at the I-95 Landfill Complex or the I-66 Transfer Station any day of the week.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH LATEX PAINT?

Latex Paint may be recycled in quantities that are greater than 1/4 of a can at the I-95 Landfill Complex or the I-66 Transfer Station any day of the week. Cans that are less than 1/4 full should be left open to dry out. Once dry, they can be placed in a bag with household trash and set at the curb on your normal collection day. As a last resort, bring it to the County's HHW sites. Usable paint (cans 90% full) may be donated to Habitat for Humanity through HHW's program.

BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE

Fairfax County businesses are responsible for managing their own hazardous waste. The County holds six collection events a year for qualified **Very Small Quantity Generators (formerly CESQGs)** to dispose of small amounts of hazardous waste at a fee. Call 703-324-5230 for more information. Business hazardous waste may also be disposed of by a hazardous waste collection vendor.



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

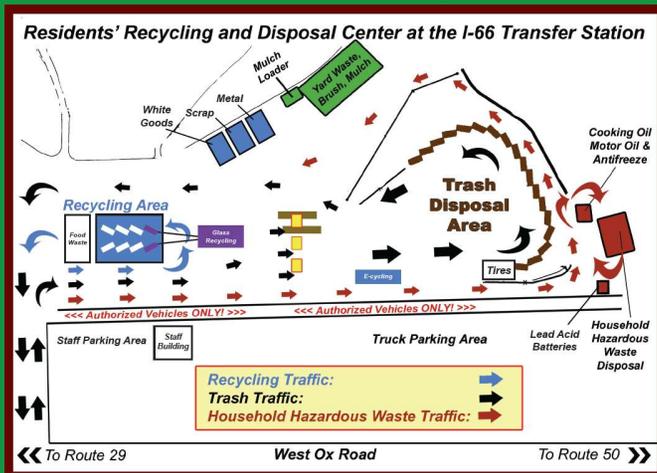
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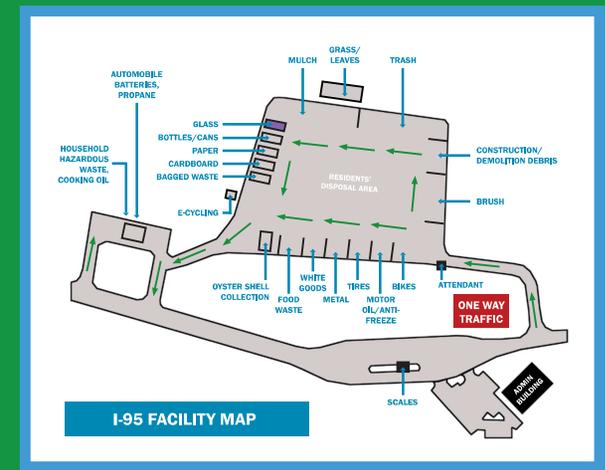
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I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX

9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079



ITEMS ACCEPTED AT BOTH HHW DISPOSAL LOCATIONS:

- Acids
- Aerosol Sprays
- Algacide
- Auto Brake Fluid
- Coal Tar Products
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent/LED Bulbs and Lamps
- Creosote Products
- Driveway Sealers
- Floor Care Products
- Fungicides
- Gasoline
- CO2 Cylinders (small)
- Glue (Solvent Base)
- Herbicides
- Inks & Dyes
- Insecticides
- MAPP Gas Cylinder (torch size only)
- Mercury Products
- Moth Balls
- Oxygen Cylinders (torch size only)
- Paint (Oil Base/Latex)
- Paint Thinner
- Pesticides
- Nitrogen Cylinders
- Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane (torch and camping size only)
- Rechargeable Batteries (NICAD, nickel metal hydride [NIMH] and Lithium batteries only)
- Rust Removers
- Stains
- Varnish
- Wood Preservers
- Refrigerant Cylinders
- Helium Tanks

Please deliver HHW materials to collection sites in cardboard boxes and only during operating hours. Do not put materials in plastic bags.

NOTE: Asbestos is no longer accepted at either of these locations. Materials containing asbestos should be disposed of at properly-permitted facilities. For information related to asbestos disposal, please call the I-66 Transfer Station at 703-690-1179, TTY 711, or the I-95 Landfill Complex at 703-690-1703, TTY 711.

RESIDENTS RESPONSIBILITY (AT HOME)

OK TO POUR DOWN THE DRAIN:

- Cleaners (ammonia base)
- Diluted Mixed Photo Chemicals
- Drain Cleaners

OK TO THROW AWAY IN THE TRASH:

- Fertilizers/Lime
- Empty Containers of any kind
- Alkaline and Carbon Zinc Household Batteries
- Permissible Fireworks/Flares (thoroughly soak in water first)
- Shoe Polish
- Smoke Alarms
- Latex Paints (dried)
- Non-Commercial Syringes (Place in plastic container with screw-on top.)
- Medicine (mix with water, coffee grounds or kitty litter to make unusable)

OTHER WASTE - NOT ACCEPTED AT HHW DISPOSAL SITES:

- Ammunition (Contact the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-2253, TTY 703-204-2264)
- Explosives and Radioactive Materials (Contact the Department of Public Safety Communications at 703-691-2131, TTY 711)
- Non-Permissible or Unused Fireworks (Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-246-4849, TTY 711)
- Propane Tanks (Common 20 lb. bbq-style propane tanks are accepted at HHW for a fee. Tanks must be paid for prior to arrival and a receipt provided. Return large tanks to supplier.)
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (except those listed above) Contact local supplier

RECYCLE WASTE COOKING OIL!

Waste cooking oil is accepted every day at the I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Landfill Complex. Take cooking oil directly to the Household Hazardous Waste facility for recycling! DO NOT pour cooking oil into the motor oil recycling tanks. Acceptable types of cooking oils include vegetable, peanut, canola, olive, and deep fryer oils. This is NOT intended for fats and grease. Please continue to "can the grease" and dispose of it in the trash.





County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

FY 2026 SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL RATES SCHEDULE

Fairfax County residents must show proof of residency (utility bill, driver's license), if asked, to use County disposal facilities located at the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex. The fees charged for disposal are based upon the type of material and amount disposed. Residents may pay their disposal charges using cash, check (with a valid driver's license) or by credit card. Most recyclables are accepted for **FREE** at the I-66 and I-95 disposal complexes. However, fees apply to yard waste, brush, propane tanks, and appliances. These fees offset special processing costs.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unit</u>
<u>Trash</u>	\$90.00	per ton
1 – 5 bags*	\$20.00	
6 – 10 bags*	\$27.00	
Senior Residents (60 years or above) rate for 1 – 2 bags*	\$10.00	
<u>Brush</u>	\$54.00	per ton
Mini-pickup load	\$19.00	
Full-size pickup without rack	\$27.00	
(Note: to keep the flat fee rate, brush must not be heaped on truck over cab height or extended beyond the closed tailgate)		
<u>Yard Waste (loose or bagged (NO plastic) bulk loads)</u>	\$88.00	per ton
1 – 5 bags*	\$19.00	
6 – 10 bags*	\$25.00	
Senior Residents (60 years or older) with 1-2 bags*	\$10.00	
*A bag of waste is defined as a standard 32-gallon trash bag or can of material.		
All Weighed Loads of All Material – not C&D (Small/Minimum Fee)	\$36.00	
Minimum Charge All Material – not C&D (Medium/Minimum Fee)	\$45.00	
Minimum Charge All Material – not C&D (Large/Minimum Fee)	\$90.00	
<u>Brick, Concrete, Dirt, Rock, Shingles (C&D)</u>	\$103.00	per ton
Small amounts only (limited to up to 2 cubic yards (4- 95-gallon carts) per day, per county resident household)		
C&D (Minimum Fee/Small load)	\$46.00	per load
C&D (Minimum Fee/Medium load)	\$59.00	per load
C&D (Minimum Fee/Large load)	\$103.00	per load
<u>White Goods</u>	\$90.00	per ton
Appliance or item (if Freon and/or a capacitor must be removed)	\$14.00	each
<u>Tires</u>		
1 – 10 tires	\$13.00	each
Minimum Fee	\$130.00	per ton
Bulk load of Passenger tires. Delivered to I-95 Complex only	\$262.00	per ton
Bulk load of Truck tires. Delivered to I-95 Complex only	\$317.00	per ton
Bulk load of Rubber track; forklift/solid; oversize, mats. Delivered to I-95 Complex only	\$443.00	per ton

**FY26 SOLID WASTE RECYCLING DISPOSAL CENTER
UNIT CHARGES BY ITEM**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>Small Sized Single Items</u>	\$11.00
* Christmas Trees	
* Toilet or Sink	
* Small single items in general (vacuum cleaner, etc.)	
 <u>Large Sized Single Items</u>	 \$16.00
Fiberglass Bathtub	
Dresser or Desk	
Sleep Sofa/Sofa/Love Seat	
Carpet or Pad	
Recliner or Chair	
Dining Room Table	
Mattress and Box Spring	
 <u>Tires</u> each (up to 10) over 10 must be weighed (Weighed loads must go to the I95 Landfill Complex)	 \$13.00
 <u>Propane Tank</u> each (Propane tanks must go to Household Hazardous Waste site)	 \$14.00
 <u>Refuse Cart</u> Replacement Charge for each cart	 \$125.00

Note: Any customer may opt to have their delivery weighed and be charged per ton for **trash, brush or yard waste** and prorated on the actual weight of their delivery **(Minimum Fees still apply)**.

*Due to the specific handling and disposal of this item the charge is not assessed by weight.



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FAIRFAX COUNTY

FAIRFAX COUNTY – PERMITTED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES

In most cases, ninety percent (90%) of residents and businesses in Fairfax County, a private collection company picks up your trash and recycling. If you get service through a private company, please contact them directly about services and scheduling.

Residential

- ALM Disposal Service, LLC, Subscription and Contract, **703-755-0567**
- American Disposal Services, Inc., Subscription and Contract, **703-368-0500**
- Bates Trucking Company, Inc., Subscription and Contract, **301-773-2069**
- Capitol Services of VA, Contract Only, **703-998-5860**
- Champion Services, Inc., Subscription and Contract, **703-239-8540**
- Disposal Services LLC, Contract, **703-441-1111**
- Elite Disposal & Dumpster Services, LLC, Subscription and HOA Contract, **571-926-0282**
- Evergreen Disposal Service, LLC, Subscription and Contract, **703-468-8100**
- Flag Disposal, Inc., Subscription Only, **703-273-5226**
- Garby LLC, Subscription and Contract, **703-261-4885**
- Gettier Commercial, Inc., Subscription and HOA Contract Only, **703-904-9752**
- Home Hauling, **571-249-7965**
- KMG Hauling, Inc., Contract Only, **703-961-1100**
- Nightingale Trucking Company, Inc., Subscription and HOA Contract, **703-360-6634**
- Patriot Disposal, Inc., Only for HOA Communities, **703-257-7100**
- Republic Services, Subscription and HOA Contract, **703-818-8222**
- Thompson Hauling, HOA Contract Only, **703-299-8880**
- Total Waste Removal, Subscription and HOA Contracts 571-234-434, www.totalwasteva.com
- Trash Away, Inc., Contracts Only, **703-339-4560**

The companies listed on this page hold the appropriate certifications and/or permit required to legally provide refuse collection services in Fairfax County. The county is not offering this list as a recommendation or endorsement. You are encouraged to do your own research in selecting a service provider.

Food Waste Collection

- Compost Crew, LLC, <https://www.compostcrew.com>, **301-202-4450**
- Future Acres Urban Farming LLC, <https://futureacresfarm.com>, **202-738-9678**
- Monster Organics, <https://monster-organics.com>, **703-574-3414**

Electronics, TVs, Cell Phones, Batteries

- Call2Recycle, <https://www.call2recycle.org/>
- eAsset Solutions, <https://eassetsolutions.com/>
- PC Recycler/Securis, <https://www.securis.com/>
- Resource Recovery Project, ed@recoveringresources.com, 703-623-1036
- Veolia, <https://www.veolianorthamerica.com/>

Used Oils, Anti-Freeze and Other Solvents

- Heritage-Crystal Clean, <https://www.crystal-clean.com/>
- Lorco of Maryland, <http://lorcopetroleum.com/>

Metals and Construction

- Metal Pro, <http://www.metalprorecycling.com/>
- Potomac Metals, <https://potomacmetals.com/>
- Resource Recovery Project, ed@recoveringresources.com, 703-623-1036

Glass

- EZ Glass Recycling, ezglassrecycling@gmail.com, 330-931-8579
- Glass Goat Recycling LLC, glassgoatrecycling@gmail.com, 703-283-2487
- Junkluggers, <https://www.junkluggers.com/gainesville-va/>
- Love4Glass LLC, love4glass1@gmail.com, 202-361-2817
- Monster Organics, <https://monster-organics.com>, 703-574-3414
- Purple Pilot Program, PurplePilotProgram@gmail.com
- Resource Recovery Project, ed@recoveringresources.com, 703-623-1036

Paper

- Resource Recovery Project, ed@recoveringresources.com, 703-623-1036
- Safeguard Shredding, <http://www.safeguardshred.com/>

TOWN OF HERNDON

TOWN OF HERNDON – REFUSE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Carts must be curbside by 6am on your collection day. Face carts forward according to stamped arrow on lid. Place carts at least 3 feet apart and away from objects (mailboxes, fences, vehicles, etc.) A twelve-foot vertical clearance is necessary for the truck's lifting arm to elevate the cart. Please place the cart away from overhead obstructions.

Please be advised that all material must fit in the carts, so the lid shuts completely. Bags or additional cans not provided by the town will not be collected. Authorized carts provided by the town are the only containers serviced by the town for collection.

Residents must affix property address numbers to each cart (under cart's serial number). Weather resistant numbers must be at least 2 inches high. Number kits can be purchased from local hardware or big box stores. Carts are the property of the Town of Herndon and should remain at the address when moving.

Cardboard that will not fit in your cart (moving and other large boxes) will be collected on recycling day (Mondays or Tuesdays). Please contact the Department of Public Works at (703) 435-6856 or via email at publicworks@herndon-va.gov at least 24 hours prior to placing boxes curbside.

Refuse containers - Maximum Allowable Size: 96 gallons for automated areas, and 64 gallon for manual (rear loaded) collection areas with a loaded weight of no more than 50 lbs. Containers shall be maintained in proper working order with attached lid and wheels for easier handling.

Maximum Number of Carts: Unless pre-approved in writing (property specific), properties shall have a maximum of two (2) carts for trash on their trash collection day and a maximum of two (2) carts for single-stream recycling on their recycling collection day.

TOWN OF HERNDON - SPECIAL COLLECTION

The town offers a special collection service to residents for bulky items that do not fit within their refuse containers such as furniture and appliances. A fee of \$60.00 per 3 cubic yard will be charged up to 9 cubic yards. Items requiring special collection are to be placed at the curb by 6am on the scheduled date. Service not available on Mondays, Tuesdays, weekends, or the week of the following holidays: Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. An application must be complete – Please complete the [Special Collections Application](#) and make payment online.

Typical Allowable Items:

- Furniture; couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, etc. not to exceed 100 lbs. per item.
- Large appliances; stoves, washing machines, clothes dryers, refrigerators, etc. Doors shall be removed from all appliances prior to set out, and each item shall not exceed 100 lbs.
- Small amounts of scrap metal that contains no Household Hazardous Waste and not to exceed 50lbs; lawn mowers, car parts, bed frames, etc.

- Construction / Demolition Debris; toilets, sinks, cabinets, fencing, shingles, lumber, carpet, flooring, etc. that are not listed or deemed unacceptable.
- Tires; two per collection.
- Tree trunks and limbs with a diameter estimated to be greater than 3”, a length less than 4 foot, and a corresponding weight of less than 50 pounds.

TOWN OF HERNDON –YARD WASTE & BRUSH and LEAF COLLECTION

Collection

Yard waste and brush should not be placed at the curb for more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled collection day and must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. of the scheduled collection day.

Containers

Yard waste is collected on your trash day. Place yard waste in reusable sturdy plastic or metal containers not to exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds of loaded weight. Containers should be marked “Yard Waste”. Yard waste may also be placed in 30-gallon yard and leaf paper bags for collection.

Yard Waste

Yard waste includes grass cuttings, weeds, leaves, shrub clippings, twigs and small branches. Trees and stumps cut by tree companies or contractors will not be removed by the Town.

Leaf Collection

During curbside loose leaf collection, crews will collect throughout the week based on the schedule above. Please rake leaves curbside before your collection period begins. There is no specific pickup day for a particular street or neighborhood.

Guidelines: Please rake leaves to your usual trash and recycling collection area, placing them as close to the curb as possible without blocking storm drains, fire hydrants, driveways sidewalks or parking. If there is no curb or sidewalk, place leaves on the house side of the ditch. Remove any debris from the leaves such as sticks or other yard waste before placing them out.

2026 Leaf Collection Schedule

(alternates between North and South of the W&OD Bike Trail)

Week	North or South of Bike Trail
October 12 - 16	North
October 19 - 23	South
October 26 - 30	North
November 2 - 6	South
November 9 - 13	North
November 16 - 20	South
*November 30 – December 2	North
December 7 - 11	South

* No collection the week of Nov. 23 – 27, 2026

Please note leaf collection is based on weather conditions. Inclement weather (freezing rain & snow) will delay the collection of leaves. When snow is forecast, do not rake leaves into the curb or street - snow removal operations will take precedence over leaf collection operations! Leaf collection will resume once the weather allows for pickup.

[Determine if you are located north or south of the bike trail](#)

Bundling Brush Guidelines

Brush must be cut and tied in bundles not to exceed four (4) feet in length and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Tree trunks, tree limbs and stumps must be no more than three (3) inches in diameter and meet the above criteria for weight and bundling. Trees and stumps cut by tree companies or contractors will not be removed by the Town.

TOWN OF HERNDON - RECYCLING

Recycling Containers

Unless a part of the automated program, citizens must purchase their own recycling containers. Containers must be clearly marked "recycle" and may not exceed 65 gallons with a maximum loaded weight of 50 lbs. All containers must have tight fitting lids.

Collection Procedures

Containers must be placed at curb by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day (recycling days have changed to either Monday or Tuesday), but no sooner than 24 hours prior to scheduled pickup. Containers should be removed from the curbside within 24 hours after collection.

Commingled Recyclables

Consisting of aluminum, cans, plastics and paper generally collected from residential recycling (glass should not be placed out for curbside recycling). The town contracts with Republic Services for recyclables material recovery. Please visit Republic Services short video, [Recycling Simplified](#), for a list of acceptable and non acceptable items for recycling.



Glass

A purple glass-only drop-off container is located at the entrance of 1479 Sterling Road and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Only glass will be accepted at this drop off location. Collecting glass separately in a purple container will reduce contamination levels in single-stream recycling. All colors of clean glass bottles and jars are accepted in the purple containers. Glass items not accepted include lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, and sheet glass. Residents are encouraged to bring their recyclable glass to the purple container, reuse glass containers or if not possible, glass should be placed in the trash for disposal.

Drop-off - Recycling

Herndon Residents are advised to take full advantage of the existing curbside pick-up recycling, as the town does not maintain a recycling drop off. Please visit Fairfax County's website for more information on drop off locations. The closest Recycling Centers are located at: [I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., Fairfax, VA](#). See information under Fairfax County Trash Section for further details.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE

The town does not collect hazardous waste and electronics. Motor oil and other hazardous waste as well as E-Waste can be taken to Fairfax County's [West Ox Road Transfer Station](#) at no charge to Fairfax County residents. (see Fairfax County Trash Section for further details).

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste (Electronics and Computers):

OPEN 6 Days (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Mon. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tue. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thu. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CLOSED on Wednesday