



Outdoor Storage

Do you know about Fairfax County's Outdoor Storage regulations?

- Under Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance, in residential areas, outdoor storage must:
 - ◆ not be located in any front yard; and
 - ◆ not exceed 100 square feet in area.
- Vehicles and other items covered by a tarps are considered outdoor storage.
- Construction materials and equipment may only be stored on residential property if the property owner has a valid building permit and work is in progress on the same property.
- Items stored in the open bed of a vehicle or trailer are regulated as outdoor storage and must comply with the associated regulations.
- Commercial and industrial districts:

In the C-5 through C-8 and the I-3 and I-4 Districts, 500 square feet of outdoor storage or display of goods may be permitted accessory to another use, subject to the use standards for those districts and any proffered condition or similar zoning approval. Additional area may be allowed with development plan or site plan approval.



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This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.