

ALWAYS PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART



PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS (LIDS ON)



METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS



CARTONS



MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

NEVER PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART

1. No Plastic Bags!

Why? They get caught in the sorting machinery and shut down processing centers.



2. Do Not Recycle Anything Smaller Than Your Hand.

Items like shredded paper, straws, bottle caps, plastic cutlery, paper clips, hangers, cords, and many other small items are considered trash.



3. No Multi-Material Items.

Simple items that are made from more than one material should go in the trash. Bubble wrap envelopes, laminated paper, and plastic-coated coffee cups are considered trash.



4. 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.

Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
Solid Waste Management Program
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Fairfax, VA 22035



Fairfax County
Solid Waste
Management Program

Fiscal Year 2024 Statement of Service

Contact Information

Customer Service

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

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

Website

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



Severe Weather/Emergency

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

Holiday Schedule

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

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SERVICE BASICS

- Gray carts are for household trash only. All trash must be bagged.
- Blue carts are for recyclables only. Recyclables must be loose, clean, and dry. **No plastic bags!**
- **Set your carts out by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day** and remove them within 24 hours of collection.
- Only trash that is in a County-issued cart will be collected.
- Contact customer service for more information on additional service at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trashrecycling-container-request

Unacceptable Materials

These are the things that do not belong in your trash or recycling carts.

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

PURPLE CAN CLUB



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

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

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- Each year from March 1 through December 24, yard waste (grass, leaves, and trimmings) must be collected separately. (During the period December 25 through the end of February, if you have yard waste, it must be bagged and placed in your trash cart.)
- Rigid containers designated for yard waste or compostable paper yard waste bags may be used.



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

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

SPECIAL PICKUP

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

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

Types of Pickup:

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

For additional information, visit

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



STAY INFORMED

Sign up for the latest information via email:

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

The Fairfax Recycles Newsletter is designed for anyone who wants to reduce waste and live more sustainably. You can sign up at:

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