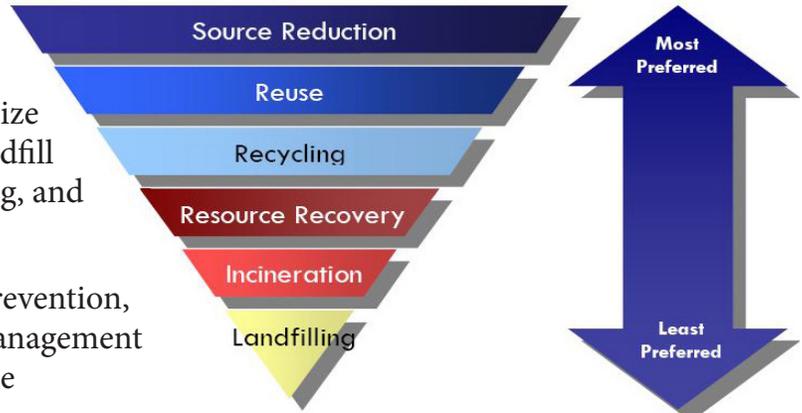




Single Family and Townhouse Solid Waste Services Guide

FALL 2018

WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY



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.

Source reduction, also known as waste prevention, is the most preferred method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment.

Here are some steps you can take to make an impact:

REDUCE TRASH



- Take reusable bags to the store
- Buy items with less packaging
- Buy items in bulk or in large containers instead of single serving packages
- Use reusable containers, cups, and napkins

REDUCE RECYCLING MATERIALS



- Use reusable mugs, glasses, and water bottles
- Read the newspaper online
- Asked to be removed from mailing lists to reduce the amount of junk mail

REDUCE YARD & FOOD WASTE



- Start a compost pile for food waste, leaves, grass clippings, and twigs
- Use a mulching mower and leave grass clippings on the lawn

REUSE



- Donate unwanted clothes, books, furniture, and household items
- Buy items from thrift stores or online reuse sites
- Use plastic bags more than once before recycling



These actions save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing the consumption of raw materials and energy used during manufacturing, transportation and disposal.

WEEKLY CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

WHAT 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 and townhomes. The City provides special refuse/recycling services for older adults or people with disabilities. Call (703) 385-7837 for information.



WHEN/WHERE Once a week on your designated curbside collection day (except for holidays). No call-in is necessary. To find out your collection day, enter your address in our route finder at www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling.

Residents must place all containers and/or other items at the curb before 7:00 am on collection day. Do not block fire hydrants, manhole covers, storm drains, or sidewalks. Containers may be set out at the curb no earlier than dusk the evening prior to collection and must be removed from the street by 8:00 pm on collection day.

WEEKLY CURBSIDE SERVICE	CONTAINER & DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS*
<p>RECYCLING</p> <p>Each household is required to recycle materials identified in the “Recycling Guide” on page 4.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave recyclables loose in the recycling container so they can be easily sorted. • The City provides recycling bins upon request. E-mail RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call (703) 385-7837. • Residents may use larger containers they supply themselves (up to 65 gallons) labeled “recycling.” If possible, please choose blue-colored containers. • More than one recycling container or bin can be used.

REFUSE (TRASH)
Routine household trash collection is provided for materials resulting from normal residential use and routine home maintenance.



- See below for list of acceptable items.
- Place trash in containers (up to 65 gallons) or plastic bags.

ACCEPTED

- **Normal household trash:** Up to 60 pounds per container
- **Animal waste & diapers:** Please bag to reduce odors
- **Building materials:** Small amounts of debris must be placed in trash cans weighing no more than 60 pounds
- **Lightbulbs:** Incandescent bulbs only. No fluorescent tubes or compact fluorescent bulbs
- **Medical needles & sharps:** Place needles in a thick plastic container with screw-on cap labeled “SHARPS”
- **Paint (empty, dry cans):** Remove lid
- **Paint (latex/water based):** Paint must be completely dried out and lid must be off
- **Sawdust, cold ashes, and loose packing materials:** Must be secured in plastic bags. Ashes must be cold and bagged to prevent fires

PROHIBITED

- **Ashes, hot**
- **Hazardous waste** (see page 6)
- **Brush, yard waste and leaves** (see page 3)
- **Lightbulbs (fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs):** To reduce the release of mercury found in these bulbs, please dispose them as hazardous waste (see page 6)
- **Paint (oil based):** Dispose as hazardous waste (see page 6)
- **Recyclables** (see page 4)
- **Solid waste from any work done by a contractor**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE SERVICE

BRUSH AND STUMPS

Brush includes limbs, branches and tree trunks (8 ft. or less).



CONTAINER & DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS*

- 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 shrubs, walls, or vehicles.
- Large piles of brush may be placed at the curb at any time.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes cut grass, plant and shrub clippings, twigs, limbs, acorns, flower and garden vegetation from general yard maintenance (4 ft. or less).



- All yard waste must be placed in trash cans labeled "Yard Waste" or in paper bags.
- Do not place piles of yard waste in the street. The City does not clean up piles of yard waste directly from the street.

LEAVES

Loose leaves are collected by vacuum suction trucks in April, November and December.



- 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 as "Yard Waste" (see instructions above). Leaves in bags or trash cans will not be collected during leaf season.
- For specific leaf collection dates visit: www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling

LARGE ITEMS & HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

Materials and appliances too large to fit in a waste container, such as furniture, stoves, hot water heaters, air conditioners, refrigerators, car parts, microwaves, storm doors/windows, etc.



- Place items behind the curb no more than 24 hours before collection day.
- Place items away from parked vehicles, low hanging limbs and wires.
- Remove doors from appliances for safety.

DEBRIS

Large amounts of bulky material such as drywall, asphalt shingles, brick, metal, concrete, rocks, plate glass, and lumber (treated and untreated).



- Place large amounts of debris in separate piles at the curb. Small amounts of debris must be placed in trash cans weighing no more than 60 pounds.
- Contractor waste will not be picked up.
- Loose dirt is collected curbside by appointment only. Call (703) 385-7837 for details and/or to arrange a pick up.

* No single container should exceed 60 pounds in weight when full.

* Waste generated from work by a contractor must be removed by the contractor.



Recycling Guide

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Newspaper & inserts
- Mail & envelopes
- Cereal & food boxes
Remove liners
- Paperback & hardcover books
- Non-foil wrapping paper
- Milk & juice cartons
- Drink boxes
- Cardboard boxes
Flatten - do not tie up
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Paper towel rolls
- Clean pizza boxes
- Magazines, catalogs,
& phone books



PLASTICS BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

Plastic lids OK if secured on container

- Milk, juice, & soda bottles
- Shampoo & conditioner bottles
- Detergent & fabric softener bottles
- Yogurt, dairy, & margarine tubs
- Pill bottles
- Plastic plant pots & buckets
- Rigid plastic toys



GLASS JARS & BOTTLES

No caps or lids



METAL

- Aluminum cans, trays & foil
- Metal food cans
Lids in can, crimp shut
- Empty aerosol cans



- Empty and rinse out all food residue from recyclables.
- Leave recyclables loose in the bin. Please do not bag.
- Labels are OK.

Need an extra bin? Call (703) 385-7837 or email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

Aerosol cans that are not empty should be taken to a hazardous waste drop-off site.

For more information visit:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/household-hazardous-waste



frequently asked QUESTIONS

Can I put this in my curbside recycling container?

ITEM	CAN I PUT IT IN THE BLUE BIN?	WHY OR WHY NOT?
PLASTIC BAGS 	No, but you can bring plastic bags to your local grocery store to be recycled.	Paper bags/ film can break or get caught up in the equipment at the recycling facility causing it to stop production or break the machines.
CLAMSHELL PACKAGING <i>(e.g. Fruit and take-out containers)</i> 	No	This type of packaging is usually made with low quality plastic, which makes it very difficult to recycle.
PIZZA BOXES 	Yes, but only the parts without food or oil on it.	Organic material ruins the final recycling product. Rip off any parts with food or oil on it and recycle the clean parts.
FOOD BAGS & WRAPPERS <i>(e.g. chip bags, nutritional bar or candy wrappers)</i> 	No	There is just no market for recycling this type of material.
STYROFOAM 	No	The recycling facility that the City of Fairfax uses doesn't have the right equipment to recycle Styrofoam.
PAPER CUPS & PLATES 	No	There is a layer of wax on some paper cups & plates that contaminates the recycling process. Used paper cups & plates may be contaminated with food and/or oil.
SHREDDED PAPER 	No	The paper is too small to be detected by the machines at the recycling facility and can get stuck to other recycled items. This contaminates the process.
LIGHT BULBS  <p><i>Fluorescent Incandescent</i></p>	No	They are made from a different type of glass and contain metal parts. Compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs contain mercury. Special care must be taken with broken ones, as the fragments are toxic if ingested or inhaled. See page 6 for proper disposal.

OTHER WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



WHAT City residents can recycle old or unwanted electronics, including computers (and related equipment), televisions, cell phones, gaming systems, stereos and other household electronic devices and cables.

WHEN/WHERE Electronics can be dropped off any day of the week at both the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex (See page 7). There are no fees associated with this service; however customers may be required to show proof of residency.

For additional collection details, please contact Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program at (703) 324-5230, TTY 711

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



WHAT Household hazardous waste should not 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 with one of the four characteristics of a hazardous waste: toxic, ignitable, corrosive, or reactive.

WHEN/WHERE Residents may take their household hazardous waste to one of the permanent collection sites listed below or to a scheduled collection event.

EXAMPLES OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Automotive oil & antifreeze
- Cleaners and polishers
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury (thermometers)
- Oil-based paint
- Paint thinners, strippers & solvents
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Rechargeable batteries
- Stains & varnishes

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

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

For more information, call the
Infoline: (703) 324-5068, TTY
711 or visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
publicworks/recycling-trash/
household-hazardous-waste](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/household-hazardous-waste)



Do you have unused or expired medication?

Don't flush it down the toilet. Throw away unused medicine in a trash bag or take it to a medicine drop off event. For information on the next drop off event in the City of Fairfax, call (703) 385-7837 or email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov. Proper disposal helps prevent misuse, accidental poisonings and protects the environment.

WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

Proof of City of Fairfax residency may be required. Acceptable proof is a driver's license, state ID card, property tax bill or utility bill.

① PROPERTY YARD RECYCLING CENTER

3410 Pickett Road
Fairfax, VA 22031
(703) 385-7837
Hours of operation:
7a.m. - 3p.m.
everyday

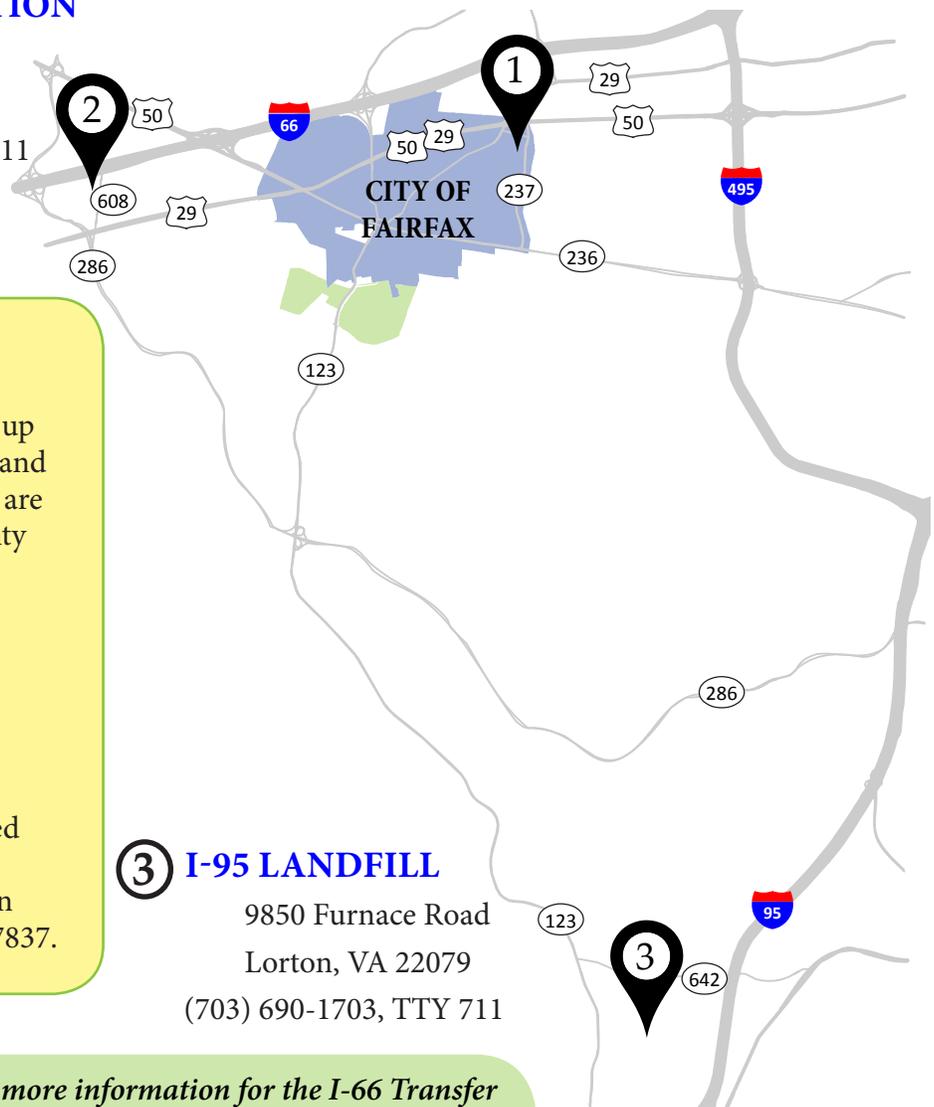


Accepted materials include:

Single stream recycling
Waste oil and oil filters
Rechargeable batteries
Car batteries

② I-66 TRANSFER STATION

4618 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 631-1179, TTY 711



FREE Mulch

Pick-up

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

Delivery to Civic Associations

At the request of Civic Associations, the City will deliver 30 cubic yard loads of wood mulch to designated common areas. Association representatives may place an order by calling (703) 385-7837.

③ I-95 LANDFILL

9850 Furnace Road
Lorton, VA 22079
(703) 690-1703, TTY 711

For hours of operation and more information for the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill visit:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/i-66-transfer-station-and-i-95-landfill-complex>

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Refuse and Recycling Website: www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling

General Refuse/Recycling Questions: (703) 385-7837 or email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

Missed pick-ups: (703) 385-7837

Request a new bin: (703) 385-7837 or e-mail RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

Holiday schedule: (703) 385-7837 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling

Loose dirt - pick up arrangement: (703) 385-7837

Leaf collection information: (703) 385-7838

Gas propane tank disposal: Small tanks, such as those used on gas grills (up to 20 pounds), are accepted for free at the I-66 Transfer Station or I-95 Landfill

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) 385-7930, (TTY 711).

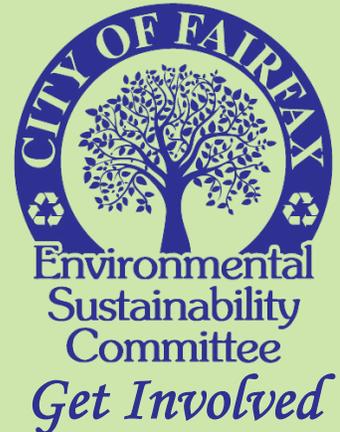
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