

Fairlington Commons Council of Co-Owners

Trash, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste Rules

Trash

Days and Times for Trash Collection

Trash is collected six days a week (Monday through Saturday) by our trash and recycling contractor, Capitol Services of Virginia, Inc. Trash is not collected on Sundays. There is no trash collection on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Trash must be placed outside before 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and before 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Trash must NOT be placed outside before dark the night prior to scheduled trash pick-up.

Trash Collection Locations

For units that directly face streets, trash must be placed between the sidewalk and street. For units that directly face parking lots, trash must be placed in front of the units at the edge of the parking lot. Residents of South Wakefield Street located at the bottom of steps should place their trash in a central location at the bottom of the steps. Residents of South Utah Street units should carry their trash to the edge of the parking lot. ***The use of trash containers is prohibited.*** Instead, household trash must be placed in **sturdy plastic bags**, which should be properly bagged and tied in such a manner that trash is not protruding from the bag.

Construction Waste

Construction waste is not to be placed outside for regular trash collection. This is outside the scope of our contract, and products such as drywall will damage the hydraulic compactor system of the contractor's trucks.

Bulk Trash & Special Pick-up

Items too large to be accommodated by a collection compactor truck, such as discarded furniture, appliances, and all other such items, are to be placed curbside along the county street or association parking lot for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. ***Bulk items shall NOT be placed outside before dark the night prior to scheduled bulk trash pick-up.*** If you have any items that need to be picked up before the first Saturday of the month, call Capitol Services at (703) 998-5860. There will be a fee for large item pickups on days other than the first Saturday of each month. Individual residents will be responsible for paying the fees for any special pickups they request.

Branches and Evergreen Trees

Residents may discard bundles of tree branches that weigh no more than 20 pounds and are no more than 2½ feet in length. Evergreen trees utilized for decorative purposes during the holidays will be collected for recycling on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first two weeks of January. Residents must place trees in one of the designated recycling areas for pick-up.

Recycling

Locations for Recycling Collection

Recycling will be collected at designated common areas in large recycling bins provided by Capitol. Residents may no longer use their personal recycling bins for putting recyclables out for pick-up. Instead, recycling bins, marked Mixed Glass, Plastics, and Aluminum, will be placed in approximately 18 designated recycling locations throughout the community. Newspaper and cardboard should be placed next to the recycling bins.

Day and Time for Recycling Collection

Capitol will place recycling bins in the designated recycling locations on Tuesdays by about 2:00 P.M. for pick-up on Wednesdays. Recycling is not to be placed in the designated recycling areas before the bins are put out by the contractor, or after the bins are picked up by the contractor.

Permitted Recyclable Items

The following items are recyclable:

- Newspapers and mixed paper– must be in paper or plastic bags or tied with twine only. Glossy inserts are also acceptable. Tissue paper and paper contaminated with grease or food products are not acceptable. Please ensure the paper is weighted down so it is not blown away by the wind.
- Aluminum and bi-metal (tin) cans – it is not necessary to remove the labels.
- Glass – only brown, green, and clear glass is acceptable.
- Cardboard – completely break down and flatten the cardboard.
- Plastics – only plastics with the numbers 1-7 printed in a small triangle (generally located at the bottom of the plastics) are acceptable.

Bags used for carrying recycling materials (e.g., grocery store bags) should be placed with the regular trash for pick-up, not with the recycling materials unless they are marked as recyclable. Some bags are recyclable and may be placed in the bin for plastics. See the information above about recyclable plastics.

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste or toxic products are not permissible for trash disposal or recycling. Capitol will **NOT** dispose of these items, as they are out of the scope of the contract. Examples include:

- Paint
- Corrosives (e.g., drain cleaners)
- Flammables (e.g., gasoline, paint thinners, varnish, stain, solvents)
- Reactives (e.g., calcium carbide, lithium)
- Toxics (e.g., antifreeze, pesticides, insecticides, weed killers)
- Oxidizers (e.g., hydrogen peroxide, bleach)

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Arlington County residents can dispose of many hazardous/toxic wastes at Arlington County's household hazardous materials (HHM) facility. The HHM drop-off facility is located on the grounds of the Water Pollution Control Plant on South Glebe Rd. Follow the signs to the HHM entrance at 530 South 31st Street.

- The County does not accept commercial or business hazardous materials.
- The HHM drop-off facility is open every Saturday between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, except during major holidays and scheduled collection events. Monday - Friday hours are by appointment only and citizens with appointments should report to the security guard at the gate.
- Please call 703-228-6832 to verify HHM facility closures on Saturdays or to schedule an appointment.
- A scheduled appointment is not required to drop off materials on Saturdays. However, citizens are encouraged to confirm acceptability of their HHM materials by calling the HHM chemist at (703) 228-6832 before arrival at the facility. On Saturdays, citizens should proceed directly to the HHM storage sheds and check in with the HHM chemist after reporting to the security guard at the gate.

The county accepts:

- Flammables
- Garden chemicals
- Auto products
- Other miscellaneous materials, such as mercury, acids, lead-acid batteries, etc.
- Motor oil
- Paint

All batteries *except those that say "alkaline"* can be taken to the firehouse for disposal. Alkaline and carbon-zinc type household batteries should be discarded with household trash.

For more information, call the County at the numbers above or see:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/wpcp/EnvironmentalServicesWpcpHouseholdHazMat.aspx>

Violations of Trash, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste Rules

Continued violations of our Trash, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste rules have resulted in the Board of Directors of the Council of Co-Owners establishing a policy that provides for enforcement and collection of fines from repeat violators. The first violation will result in a letter of warning to the Co-Owner of the unit responsible for the violation. Subsequent violations will result in a \$50 fine per occurrence assessed against the unit's condominium fee. Unpaid fines will result in the assessment of a late fee against the unit's condominium fees. The following process is based on and is compliant with the Virginia Condominium Act, Section 55-79.80:2, "assessment of charges for violations, suspension of services for failure to pay assessments, hearing." The Virginia Condominium Act is available online at:

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http://webapp.dpor.state.va.us/va_laws/condo_act/condo_act.htm

Offending Co-Owners will be notified of the violation and penalty to be assessed by hand-delivered or registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, and will have the right to a hearing by the Board to be held a minimum of fourteen calendar days subsequent to the delivery of the notice. This notification will also advise the Co-Owner of their right to appeal the fine in person or to be represented by counsel at the Board meeting, or to appeal by letter delivered by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested to the Fairlington Commons Council of Co-Owners business address of 3367 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia 22206. Co-Owners electing not to appeal prior to the Board meeting held at least fourteen days following notification of a violation will be assessed the fine as described in the notification letter. The result of any hearings will be hand-delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the co-owner within seven days of the hearing.

In addition to the penalties prescribed herein – individuals who violate our Trash, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste rules may be liable for additional civil or criminal penalties under County, State, or Federal statutes.