

**Newington Community Association
Trash Policy**

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Responsibility

Each homeowner retains full responsibility for any waste they put out for collection until the contractor accepts it. If the contractor rejects a homeowner's waste, the homeowner remains fully responsible for its removal. If the rejected waste is on common ground, the homeowner must reclaim, recover or otherwise remove all such waste from common ground by 10:00 P.M. of that same trash day. If rejected waste remains on common ground by morning of the day following trash collection day, NCA may remove the rejected waste at the expense of the homeowner. In addition to the actual expense, a special assessment may also apply in accordance with the NCA policy on Assessment of Charges for Rules Violations.

Containers

All trash must be properly secured in tied **heavy duty** plastic bags or in a trash can when placed out for pick up. **Thin grocery bags are never acceptable.**

Container Storage

Trash, trash containers and recycling bins must be stored in the back yard of all townhomes and not visible from the street in the single family section.

Timing

Trash collection occurs two days a week. Trash put out earlier than 5:00 p. m. of the day before trash collection day is considered early trash.

Recycling

Recycling collection occurs one day a week. Recycling put out earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day before collection day is considered early trash. Recycling bins are provided for every home in NCA.

Yard Debris

A special yard debris pick up occurs one day a week (bagged, sized) from March 1 to December 31. Yard debris may not be put out earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before collection. **No plastic bags.**

Holidays

Trash will *not* be picked up *and must not be put out* on any of these holidays: New Year's Day, Christmas Day, or Thanksgiving Day. Trash put out for collection on these days will be considered a violation.

Unacceptable

The contractor will not accept any waste that fails to meet the terms of the waste removal contract. Residents are responsible for knowing what the contractor will not accept. Refer to NCA's Trash Information for a partial list of unacceptable items.

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Timing

Days. Trash collection days are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Times. Trash may be put out no earlier than 5:00 P. M. of the day before trash collection day and no later than 6:00 A. M. on trash day.

Holidays

Christmas trees will be picked up the first two weeks after Christmas. Refer to the NCA newsletter or website for exact days.

Recycling

Day. Wednesday is recycling day.

Times. Recycling must be put no earlier than 5:00 P.M. on the day before recycling day and no later than 6:00 A.M. on recycling day.

Recyclables: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, paperback and hardcover books, cardboard boxes, rigid plastics, milk and juice containers, cereal/cracker boxes, and empty aerosol cans. Food and beverage containers of aluminum, metal, wide-mouth plastic containers, and #1- #7 plastic bottles. **No plastic bags.**

Special Pickups

Trash Contractor Requests:

The contractor will do special pickups for items not covered under the contract for a fee that must be paid by the homeowner if the following rules are followed. (If the homeowner fails to follow these rules and the Association is billed as a result, the Association will bill the homeowner for the expense and consider a rule violation special assessment.)

1. Appliances (white goods) will be picked up *only if*:

- a) The homeowner calls the contractor's office 24 hours in advance of pickup.
- b) Put out on a Thursday.
- c) The homeowner agrees to pay a special fee for pickup
- d) Refrigerators *must* display a red-tag from a qualified technician certifying that the refrigerator is freon-free.

2. Bulk materials (e.g. furniture, lumber, carpet, wallboard, floor tiles, etc.) will be picked up *only if*:

a) The homeowner calls the contractor's office 24 hours in advance of pickup.

b) Depending on the material, the homeowner agrees to pay a special fee for pickup. The fee will depend entirely upon the amount of bulk materials.

Donation Pick up or Private Hauler:

Home materials to be donated to charity, thrift shops, libraries, etc. should be left on your personal property on the date you arrange to have it picked up. This will include trash bags of clothing, appliances, small furniture, bulk items, etc. Any items not picked up on the agreed time and date must be returned to inside your home or storage facility the same day. Large equipment and furniture should also remain on your property until pick up is completed. Donations put out on common ground could be interpreted as trash. All violation procedures apply.

Alternatives

Homeowners with waste not accepted by the contractor may use one of the following alternatives:

1. Call the contractor for a special estimate for removal of rejected waste.
2. Take waste not accepted by the contractor directly to one of the Fairfax County landfill areas. The address is:
9850 Furnace Road
Lorton, Va.; 703-690-1703
3. Hire third-party haulers (e.g. Miller and Sons, 703-444-0319) to remove rejected/unacceptable waste. Note: It should be understood that Miller & Sons is offered as an example only; no endorsement is implied or should be inferred.

Unacceptable

The contractor will not accept any waste that fails to meet the terms of the waste removal contract. Residents are responsible for knowing what the contractor will not accept.

The following is a partial list of items the contractor will reject:

1. Trash not properly secured.
2. Containers, bundles or objects weighing more than 35 pounds or longer than 4 feet in length will be rejected.
3. Bulk materials such as construction/remodeling waste will be rejected EXCEPT by prearranged special pickup. (Examples: lumber, carpet, wallboard, floor tiles, etc.)
4. Paint cans will be rejected *unless* they are open and all the paint is dried out.
5. Brush and limbs will be rejected *unless* cut into lengths of 4-feet (or less) and tied with rope or twine in arm-full size bundles weighing 35 pounds or less.
6. The contractor will reject rocks, concrete, dirt, soil, sod, tree stumps, paint, motor oil, construction trash, combustibles, toxic or hazardous wastes, or any other material excluded from the disposal site, or any applicable state or federal law, as being hazardous or toxic. If homeowners mix these items with regular household and garden waste, all such waste will be rejected.
7. Lawnmowers or any gas powered tool with fluid in the gas tank.
8. White goods such as washers, dryers, hot water heaters (without special arrangements with trash contractor)