
5 - TRASH AND RECYCLING

This section presents the CMCA practices and regulations regarding trash removal and recycling.

Trash Removal

Trash and recyclable removal in the Mews is handled by a commercial firm, American Disposal Services, under contract with the Association.

Trash and recyclables are picked up every Tuesday. **For your convenience, you may place your trash on the curb any time after 6 p.m. the evening before trash day.** Your neighbors can show you the pick-up site for your courtyard. Please place trash only at your designated pick-up spot. Fasten your bags securely to minimize animal or bird invasions and the resulting mess. You should also plan to retrieve your empty trash containers no later than Wednesday morning.

No trash pick-up is made on Christmas or New Year's Day.

Call American Disposal Services to arrange special pick-up of special items. CMCA recommends the use of a garbage can for families who regularly have multiple trash bags. American Disposal Services does not provide complimentary garbage cans, but residents may purchase directly from American Disposal Services a 64-or 96-gallon cart (wheeled and lidded) for \$75.

American Disposal Services
(703) 368-0500
www.americandisposal.com

Recycling

Residents are required by law to recycle designated items. American Disposal Services provides curbside pickup of basic recyclable items, including glass, newspapers, mixed paper and flattened cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, and yard waste (in season).

Please put the following items into the provided American Disposal Services recycling bin. Residents may call American Disposal Services to request a complimentary recycle bin.

- Rigid Containers
 - Jugs
 - Cartons
 - Tubs
 - Trays
 - Buckets
 - Bins
 - Bottles

- Cans
 - Aluminum cans
 - Steel cans
 - Aerosol cans

- Cardboard
 - Shipping/moving boxes (flattened)
 - Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
 - Frozen food boxes

- Paper
 - Office
 - Magazines
 - Newspaper
 - Books
 - Mail
 - Shredded paper (bagged and tied)

Non-Recyclable Items (will not be picked up by trash service)

- Plastic bags and Flexible packaging
- Diapers
- Food/Organic Waste
- Phones and E-Waste
- Clothing

Yard Waste Removal

Yard waste (leaves, grass and plants, shrubs, prunings and twigs, and small branches under 6 inches in diameter) must be bundled, tied or contained in paper lawn bags or clear plastic, both available from a home improvement store. Yard Waste is picked up weekly on Tuesdays from March to December. You may use paper yard waste bags, non-county issued containers, or transparent plastic bags. It's important to distinguish yard waste from trash, as the county recycles it into mulch or compost.

Is it Hazardous Waste?

Fairfax County Public Works and Environmental Services has posted a list of items that are considered household hazardous waste and items that are OK to trash. Residents can find this resource on the Fairfax County website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/household-hazardous-waste>.

The closest full-service recycling center is the West Ox facility, at 4618 West Ox Road (66 West to Route 50 West; just past Fair Oaks Mall, west on Ox Road; facility is about ¼ mile on the right). The phone number for this facility is (703) 631-1179. You can take your large yard trimmings, recyclable and auto batteries, small and large appliances, used motor oil, and household hazardous waste to this facility. You also can get free mulch here, in season.

For more detailed information on what can and cannot be accepted at the West Ox facility, please consult its website:

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