

Section 5.5.1 on Trash and Recycling, as of November 1, 2019, supersedes Section 5-2 of First River Farms Rules and Regulations as of June 20, 2016.

5.5 COMMUNITY & COMMON AREAS

5.5.1 Trash and Recycling

Fairfax County provides curbside pickup of trash, recycling and yard waste every Monday morning, including all holidays except Christmas Day.

- The county provides each house with two bins – a gray one for household trash, and a blue one for recyclables. To request new bins, contact Fairfax County Waste Management at 703-802-3322.
- Guidelines for residential waste disposal can be found on the Fairfax County Waste Management website – fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash.

Due to the layout of the neighborhood and the difficulty of hauling bins from backyards, items for curbside pickup are often placed in front of neighbors' homes. *Residents should be mindful of any inconvenience their waste disposal creates for others.* These rules were established to minimize any such inconvenience.

Failure to adhere to these rules for putting out trash, recycling, yard waste and other items for collection will result in violations being issued and fines being assessed by the HOA.

5.5.1.1 Timing:

- a. Trash, recycling and yard waste may be placed curbside no earlier than Sunday evening – 6:00 p.m. or later March-October, 4:00 p.m. or later November-February – for pickup the next morning when collection starts as early as 7:00 a.m.
- b. Empty cans and bins must be returned to residents' backyards before Tuesday.
- c. Residents who are unable to meet these time constraints for any reason should ask a neighbor for assistance. Work or travel obligations are not acceptable excuses for putting items out earlier or taking bins in later than specified.

5.5.1.2 General:

- a. All trash and recyclables should be placed in the county-provided bins or in sturdy lidded containers owned by individual residents.
- b. All trash and recycling containers must be permanently labeled with residents' house numbers using markers, paint stencils, or stickers.
- c. Residents should not place trash or recyclables in their neighbors' bins without asking permission. Such action could inconvenience neighbors who might have need to add last minute waste only to find no room in their own bins.

- d. If a resident chooses to use plastic bags in lieu of lidded containers, those bags must be heavy duty and tightly closed in order to minimize the possibility of being torn open by wildlife or storms and garbage being strewn throughout the neighborhood. If the bags are torn open, the resident is responsible for cleanup and subject to fine if not done promptly.
- e. Residents are not permitted to discard bags of excrement from walking pets or other debris in containers that remain in the front of homes after trash collection. Such refuse should be placed in residents' own containers.
- f. Dumping yard waste, trash, and pet excrement in the common areas or in the surrounding parkland is illegal. Violators will be reported to Fairfax County and may be fined.

5.5.1.3 *Trash:* Household trash should be placed in bags before placing in a trash bin.

5.5.1.4 *Recyclables:*

- a. Items for recycling should be placed loosely in the county-provided bins. Bundling recyclables in plastic bags makes them harder to process.
- b. Cardboard boxes that do not fit in the recycling bin should be flattened. Failure to do so may result in the boxes not being collected.
- c. Please note that any glass placed in curbside recycling bins, while accepted, will be sorted out and disposed of in landfills. Residents wishing their glass to be crushed and reused may take it to the nearest purple glass-only drop-off container located behind the Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane.

5.5.1.5 *Yard waste:* Unsecured yard waste will not be collected during a regular pickup.

- a. Grass, leaves and brush should be placed curbside in closed plastic or paper bags separate from other waste.
- b. Branches no larger than 6 inches in diameter may be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and no heavier than 50 pounds.

5.5.1.6 *Special collections:*

- a. A special pickup is required for bulk items such as televisions, computers, other electronics, furniture, large appliances and unsecured yard waste. Limitations on types and quantities of such materials eligible for special collection may be found on the Fairfax County Waste Management website (fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/county-collection-customers/special-pick-up). Residents should read and are responsible for following all rules pertaining to special collections as found on that site.
- b. Special pickups are made on Mondays - the same day as regular trash collection. Residents must schedule special pickups by 2:30 p.m. Sunday for pickup the next day. This can be done on-line at specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov (or by calling 703-802-3322 before 4:30 p.m. on the previous Friday).

- c. Items for special pickup should not be placed at curbside until the evening before the pickup is scheduled. (See Section 5.5.1.1.a.) Be advised that any objects placed under tree branches or too close to cars, or otherwise without sufficient clearance, will not be removed.

5.5.1.7 Missed or partial collections: If trash, recycle, waste or special items are not collected for any reason, residents must remove the items within 24 hours after the pickup would have taken place. *Residents may not leave items at curbside for the following week's pickup.*

5.5.1.8 Free giveaways: Residents may not leave any items marked for “free giveaway” anywhere in First River Farms, including on Tis Well Drive or Holland Road, except when put out for special pickup on Sunday evening. (See Section 5.5.1.6.) Residents disposing of furniture or other items that might be of use to others may want to announce these items on social media with a specific address and time that prospective takers can pick them up from the home or backyard.