

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Guidelines

8 tips to ensure items at curb are picked up

The City of Manassas is fortunate to have excellent trash, recycling and yard waste service. Sometimes we take that service for granted. We think if we drag anything we don't want to the curb, it will get picked up. That is not the case. The City does have some basic rules for residents to follow. These rules ensure the safety of the men and women who work as haulers, and they keep our City curb appeal to a high standard. Here are eight tips to ensure your trash, re-cycling and yard waste are picked up promptly. **Remember Manassas City and the HOA ARE citing homeowners for violations.**

1. Use the correct container. It's simple: Recycling goes in the dark green cart provided by the City. Trash goes in your own trash receptacle, preferably a sturdy can with a tight fitting lid. Yard waste goes in your own receptacle (not the recycle cart) or biodegradable paper bags available for purchase at local hard-ware, home improvement or grocery retailers.

2. Do not overload containers. If you can't pick up a recycle cart full of heavy magazines or glass bottles yourself, do not expect a recycler to be able to pick up the container either. Same with trash. If your receptacle is so full you can't get the lid closed, use another container. For yard waste, split up heavy grass clippings between paper bags or cans.

3. Set out bulk items correctly. Bulk items like stoves, washers or furniture may be set out for regular trash collection. **TVs or computers must be taken to the household hazardous waste collection site (see schedule below).** Call the Manassas Trash Line at 703-257-8252 to set out a refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or air conditioner. These items need special handling due to the EPA regulations for Freon. For safety, City code requires doors to be taken off these items. A fine may occur if they are not.

4. Stick to the construction debris limit. Residents are limited to one cubic yard (3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet) per week. Large amounts may be taken to the Manassas Transfer Station (\$10 for first 300 pounds, prorated on \$72 per ton after that) or residents may rent the City's courtesy truck for \$75.

5. DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR YARD WASTE. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard-waste that is put in plastic garbage bags will not be picked up curbside. Yard waste must be in a receptacle (not the recycle cart) or biodegradable paper bags.

Use paper bags **NO PLASTIC!**
Usar bolsas de papel
NO PONER COSAS DE PLASTICO!



DO NOT SET YARD WASTE OUT LIKE THIS!
NO PONER DESECHOS DE JARDIN DE



Branches should be 4ft or less and bundled

Las ramas deben ser cortadas de 4 pies de altura o menos y deberan estar atadas.



6. Cut and tie larger limbs with heavy string. Large piles of tree limbs dragged to the street will not be picked up. You must cut them into manageable pieces – four feet or less – and either put them in a receptacle or biodegradable paper bag or tie them in neat bundles with heavy string.

7. Do not set out too early. If you work in your yard throughout the week, do not set yard waste at the curb until Sunday evening. Yard waste is picked up on Mondays only. If you clean out your house and have a lot of trash, do not set it out at the curb until the evening before pickup.

8. Do not set out too late. If the trash hauler comes at 6:30 am and you put out the trash at 7 am when you leave for work, it is still going to be sitting at the curb when you get home from work that evening. If you can't get up and put the trash out before the trash hauler comes in the morning, set trash out the night before. Don't set it out too early. Any-time after 4 pm is okay.

Questions? Call the Manassas Trash Line at 703-257-8252 or email Nikki Ebert at nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com.

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