5-2. **TRASH REMOVAL**

5-2.1. Trash Pickup occurs early Monday mornings. Trash cans and/or recycling bins are to be placed at curbside on Sunday evening no earlier than one hour before dark.

5-2.2. Empty trash cans and recycling bins must be returned to the homeowner’s back yard **before** Tuesday.

5-2.3. Residents who are unable to meet the above requirements should ask for assistance from a neighbor or arrange to hire a reliable youth to put out and retrieve trash cans and recycling bins at the designated times.

5.2.3.a. Work or travel obligations are not acceptable excuses for violating the trash removal regulations, nor is it permissible to circumvent the timeline for trash cans by using garbage bags instead.

5.2.3.b When moving from First River Farms, the resident should follow all of the rules regarding trash removal. Homeowner/landlords or their property managers are responsible for violations of these rules by tenants and may be fined.

5-2.4. The preferred method of trash disposal is to place closed bags of trash in a lidded trash container provided by Fairfax County or by the owner/resident.

5-2.4.a. If a resident chooses to use plastic bags, those bags must be heavy duty (contractor) bags.

5-2.4.b. Garbage bags used in place of trash containers should not be placed out until Monday morning. This restriction is intended to reduce, if not eliminate, the problem of bags being torn open by wildlife or storms and garbage being strewn throughout the neighborhood. Residents are reminded that trash collection in First River Farms frequently occurs as early as 7:00 am.

5-2.4.c. If bags are torn open, the resident is responsible for cleanup and will be fined if cleanup is not done promptly.

5-2.4.d. Residents who choose to use garbage bags must place these bags in their parking place in order that trash collectors have easy access and view of the bags.

5-2.4.e. Except where wide curb areas are provided, sometimes at corners within the community, trash cans should not be accumulated in one area. Such action creates an extended eyesore for one or two residences. Containers (and bags) should instead be placed in front of each home in the parking area.

5-2.4.f. Residents who have bags of excrement from walking pets or are carrying other debris are not permitted to discard these items in trash containers that remain in the front of homes after trash collection. Such refuse should be placed in the individual’s own trash containers.

5-2.4.g. Yard debris, brush, and trimmings must be bagged, or they will not be collected by the county during a regular pick-up.

5-2.4.h. Recycled items should be placed loose in the County-provided bins, not bundled in bags.

5-2.4.i. All cardboard boxes must be flattened for recycling. Trash collectors are not required to pick up boxes that have not been flattened.

5-2.4.j. Residents who do not dispose of their trash/recycling in their own containers should NOT use neighbors’ bins without asking permission. Such action could inconvenience the owner of the containers, who might have need to add last minute garbage bags only to find no room in their own bins.

5-2.5. All trash cans and recycling containers must be permanently labeled with the owner's house number in marker, stencil, or sticker-numbers.

5-2.6. Special pick-ups of bulk items such as yard debris, furniture, and large appliances are to be scheduled by the homeowner with the county’s special pickup service by calling **703-802-3322** or visiting the county website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>. Special pickups are made on the day of regular trash collection (i.e., Mondays).

5-2.6.a. Special pickup items should not be placed at curbside until the evening before the pickup is scheduled. The special pickup trucks, which use cranes to lift these items, will not remove any objects that are placed under tree branches or too close to cars. Residents should read and are responsible for following all Fairfax County rules pertaining to special pickup as found on the County website.

 5-2.6.a.1 (From the Fairfax County Government website):

Your base service includes 5 special collections per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).  **You must schedule special collections (brush, bulk, metal, Freon and E-waste in advance.  The cut off time for next day pickups is 2:30 PM the day before your collection day [Monday-Friday].**   Messages left on the night time recording will be scheduled for your next collection day based on the time the message is heard.

**MATERIALS**

Different trucks collect different types of materials.  Each type of material must be placed out separately for collection, separated by material type.

* 12 cubic yards of material (a pile about 5 feet x 6 feet x 10 feet)
* Piles of heavy/dense materials are limited to 6 cubic yards.
* Materials must be no bigger than 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.
* **We need 20 feet of clearance on all sides of debris pile as well as above the debris pile so that we can safely collect.  Do not put debris under power wires or tree branches.**

**Special collection piles are limited to:**

* Brush/Limbs – brush means shrubs, tree limbs, under 6 inches in diameter/6 feet in length.  NO LUMBER!
* Bulk Material – bulk means household items too big for the regular trash truck; no longer than 6 feet in length.
* Metal Appliances and other metal items such as stove, washer, dryer, exercise bike, etc.
* Freon – appliances containing refrigerant/coolant (refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, air conditioner)
* E-Waste – includes computers and computer monitors and Televisions – most devises will be disassembled and the parts recycled.  Some newer devices may be repurposed for reuse by others.  While the contractor does perform data destruction as part of processing materials, Fairfax county is not responsible for the security of data stored on electronic devices placed at the curb for pickup.  Please do not include broken electronics as part of an E-waste pickup, they should be put out with your regular trash.

To schedule a special collection, contact the Customer Service Center at 703-802-3322, TTY 711 or schedule online.

5-2.7. Dumping yard debris, 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.

5-2.8. If trash is not collected, regardless of reason, residents must remove the trash not collected within 24 hours after the trash and recycling pickup would have taken place. **Residents WILL NOT leave trash at curbside for the following week’s pickup.**

5-2.8.a. Trash left behind includes items and yard debris not picked up (because of improper sorting, labeling, or handling), hazmat, or other materials not picked up by the normal trash collection.

5-2.8.b. When a snowstorm or other weather event results in the cancellation of trash and recycling pickup, residents must return the trash and items left at curbside to their backyard until the next week’s pickup unless alerted by the county trash collection department or the HOA of a different schedule.

5-2.9. Free give-aways are not permitted to be left at the curb anywhere in First River Farms, including on Tis Well Drive or Holland Road.

5-2.9.a. Residents who are disposing of furniture or other items that they feel might be of use to others may want to utilize social media to announce these items. However, a specific address and time should be provided so that prospective takers can pick them up from the resident’s home or backyard.

5-2.9.b. An exception to this prohibition would be when the resident arranges for a special pick up but notifies neighbors and other social media contacts that said items will be available for consideration Sunday evening.

 5-2.10. Residents who are in violation of any rules regarding trash are subject to fines and other penalties as determined appropriate by the HOA Board of Directions.

5-2.10.a. Penalties and fines may be assessed for a violation even after the infraction has been remedied.