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# CITY OF DANVILLE

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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# Residential Solid Waste Collection Guidelines

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*Please retain for future reference*

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This brochure is developed by the Sanitation Division of the City of Danville Public Works Department as a handy reference of the guidelines and regulations governing the collection of residential solid waste. The regulations for Solid Waste Collection are set forth in Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Danville.

Residential solid waste services are charged on a monthly basis as a separate item on your utility bill, **with the exception of appliance pick up, trailer or bucket truck rental, curbside recycling, and refuse set out service for the physically challenged.**

**Effective January 1, 2014:** All city residents are required to use an automated collection container for household garbage collection.

New containers are available for sale, at cost, to City residents year-round through the Public Works Department, located at 998 South Boston Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

**What:** Household garbage is waste originating from a residential unit, including paper, cans, bottles, food waste, rags, glass, metal, and small household debris.

**Container requirements:** An automated collection container must have an attached lid, wheels, lift bar, and handle, water-tight, no larger than ninety-six (96) gallons nor smaller than thirty-five (35) gallons, and must be compatible to existing City solid waste equipment (capable of hydraulic dumping).

Maintenance or replacement of carts, due to theft or damage, is the responsibility of the property owner.

**When:** Household garbage will be picked up once per week. Container placement must occur prior to 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup or the evening prior to the scheduled collection day.

**Where:** Household garbage must be inside approved container and set within three (3) feet of the curb line or edge of road. Place cart on a flat surface, if possible. Cart handle should face the house with the front facing the street. Do not place cart within three (3) feet of any obstruction, such as a pole, mailbox, tree, car, guide wire, etc.

**How much:** The amount of household garbage is limited to the amount of waste produced within the residential premises. All garbage must be placed in an approved container. No garbage is permitted to be outside of container for collection. Do not place loose trash, hazardous material, or hot ashes in container.

**How stored on property:** All household garbage must be properly stored on private property between collection days. Household garbage and containers should be stored in such a way that the surrounding area remains in a clean and sanitary condition, free from odors and insects.

## BULK DEBRIS

**What:** Bulk debris consists of large materials such as furniture, mattresses, carpeting, swing sets and other oversized items. It does not include appliances.

**When:** Bulk debris will be picked up weekly on the same scheduled collection day as household garbage. Placement must occur prior to 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup or the evening prior to the scheduled collection day.

**Where:** Bulk debris must be placed behind the curb line or edge of road in the same location as household garbage and small household debris.

**How much:** No more than four (4) items are allowed per week.

**How prepared:** Bulk debris must be reduced as small as possible and placed in a manner so as not to block sidewalks or storm drains.

**The City of Danville does not collect construction or remodeling debris. This type of debris must be disposed of by the contractor or by the property owner at an approved disposal facility.**

## REFUSE SET OUT SERVICE for physically challenged

Refuse container set out service is available for residents who are physically challenged and unable to take their garbage to curbside. The following requirements must be met:

- 1) A doctor's certification of disability.
- 2) A signed, notarized affidavit stating that there is no other available assistance to place refuse at curbside.
- 3) Annual fee (Note: This fee is in addition to the monthly refuse fee on your utility bill.).

Service fee (\$5 per week) is paid for in advance annually for 52 weeks (January-December). Fee is pro-rated if application is made after January 1st.

Application forms are available at Public Works or online at <http://www.danville-va.gov/>

## YARD WASTE

**What:** Yard waste includes plant clippings, tree branches, grass clippings, prunings, leaves, and other discarded material from yards and gardens which can be composted.

**When:** Yard waste will be picked up weekly on the same scheduled collection day as household garbage, *if volume allows the schedule to be maintained.*

**Where:** Yard waste should be placed behind the curb or edge of road the evening prior to the scheduled collection day.

**How much:** 2 ½ cubic yards or a pile approximately 4' x 4' x 4' per scheduled collection is allowed.

**How prepared:** All clippings, prunings, branches, leaves (except during leaf vacuuming season) and grass must be

bagged, boxed, or bundled. Yard waste must not be longer than four feet nor weigh more than 50 lbs. per bag, box or bundle. Please do not mix yard waste with other debris or garbage. Yard waste debris must not exceed 12 inches in diameter.

Tree stumps and root balls are not collected, nor does the City of Danville service landscapers, tree removal contractors, and/or lot clearing. This type of yard waste must be disposed of by a contractor or by the property owner at an approved disposal facility. Residents, homeowners, and/or contractors may dump acceptable yard waste for free at the compost facility.

## LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

**When:** Each year, beginning October 1 and ending January 31, loose leaves may be placed at edge of road to be vacuumed by Public Works crews.

**How prepared:** Leaves may be loose, bagged, or boxed during this collection time. Do not mix sticks, bottles, rocks or other debris in the loose leaf piles. Do not block storm gutters or ditches and do not place loose leaves near other obstructions, such as vehicles. After loose leaf collection, February 1 through September 30, loose leaves must be bagged or boxed.

*Contact the Fire Department at 799-5226 for information regarding burning of yard waste and leaves.*

## RENTALS

**What:** Trailers (18 cubic yard capacity) or bucket trucks are available for rent for yard waste or bulk debris by reservation only.

Trailers cannot be loaded with tires, batteries, large appliances, contractor's debris, bricks, cinder blocks, rocks, dirt, paint, and any hazardous materials.

**How much:** Collection of mixed debris is \$120; yard waste only is \$75. Fee must be paid in advance.

**When:** Trailers or bucket trucks are available year-round; however, may be limited during Loose Leaf Collection. Trailers are scheduled for a Monday to Thursday, or a Friday to Monday.

**Who:** Trailers or bucket trucks are available for rent by residential users only.

## FREE MULCH/COMPOST

**What:** Leaves and yard waste are ground into mulch and compost and is available to area residents free of charge as the volume allows.

**Where:** The Compost site is located off Stinson Drive at 101 Airport Road, just beyond the airport and closed landfill.

**When:** The Compost site is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm. From April to October, the site is open Tuesday through Saturday. From November to March, the site is open Monday through Friday. The attendant is available to load the mulch as long as time and other duties permit. Contact Public Works to ensure mulch and/or a loader is available.

## DROP-OFF RECYCLING

**What:** Clean recyclable goods include newspaper, mixed paper (not waxed-coated), tin cans, aluminum, glass, bottles, steel, and plastic beverage containers.

**Where:** Five (5) drop off recycling centers are open to residents at: Piedmont Mall, Tractor Supply on Piney Forest Road, Innkeeper on Piney Forest Road, Ballou Park Shopping Center, and on Rt. 58 East across from the Public Works Department Complex.

**How prepared:** Please rinse and remove lids from glass, cans, and plastic containers so as to reduce odors and insects around the drop off centers.

**Tires:** Bring tires to the Public Works Complex for a disposal fee of \$2 per passenger / light truck tire and \$5 per heavy truck tire.

**We do not accept the following recyclables:**

- Automotive parts or fluids
- Plastic Types 3 - 7
- Batteries
- Styrofoam
- Bulbs (*fluorescent, incandescent, or tubular*)

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Bi-monthly curbside recycling service is available for residents for a fee paid in advance.

On collection day, place your container(s) at curbside, filled with co-mingled recyclable materials prepared the same as listed for drop off centers. Collection service is on the first and third Thursday each month.

One recycling container will be provided by Public Works during initial subscription. Additional containers may be purchased at your local hardware store. All container(s) must be identifiable as recycling.

Service fee is paid for in advance for 24 weeks (\$90 for one year - July to June). Fee is pro-rated at \$3.75 per collection if application is made after July 1st. Application forms are available at Public Works or online at <http://www.danville-va.gov/>

## E-RECYCLING

**ELECTRONICS:** All electronics are recyclable at no cost and may be brought to the E-Recycling Center in the Public Works Complex. Items include computers, printers, cell phones, microwaves, etc. TVs are not recycled.

## APPLIANCES

**What:** Large appliances (white goods) include washers, dryers, heaters, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers, etc.

**When:** Appliances will be collected by appointment only. To schedule a pick up, call 799-5245.

**How much:** There is a \$15 fee for each appliance not containing refrigerants and \$40 for each appliance capable of containing refrigerants.

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

Common household chemicals are not recyclable and can cause a problem in the waste stream or a fire in the garbage truck. Household items such as . . .

Household batteries	Rug & Upholstery cleaners
Oven cleaners	Floor & Furniture Polish
Toilet cleaners	Mothballs
Photographic chemicals	Pool chemicals
Disinfectants	Ammonia-based cleaners
Drain cleaners	Abrasive cleaners or powders
Bleach cleaners	

Auto products such as . . .

Antifreeze	Used oils
Transmission fluids	Batteries
Brake fluids	

Paints such as . . .

Enamel or oil based paints	Furniture strippers
Latex or water based paints	Wood preservatives
Rust paints	Stains/Finishes
Thinners & turpentine	

Pesticides such as . . .

Fungicides	Flea Collars and sprays
House Plant Insecticide	Roach and ant killers
Arsenicals	Rat and mouse poisons
Botanicals	Herbicides
Carbonates	Organophosphates
Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	

Help stop environmental damage by handling these materials properly. If there are any questions regarding proper disposal of a chemical, please call the Public Works Department at 799-5245.

## HOLIDAYS

In the event that Christmas Day or New Year's Day occurs on a weekday, collection schedules are adjusted accordingly. Scheduled changes are announced in the local news media. Thanksgiving Day is always collected on the following Saturday. Collection is on regular schedule on all other holidays.

*If there are any questions concerning collection, please contact the Public Works office at 799-5245 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

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