

# **Trash Away, Inc.**

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## **Services at Charlestown Homeowners Association**

### **Scheduled Service Days**

- Household Solid Waste (Trash): Tuesday and Friday
- Single Stream Recycling: Tuesday
- Bulk Trash: Fridays (Homeowner must schedule)
- Yard Waste: Charlestown participates in Alternative Yard Waste Program. Small amounts of yard waste may be set out with trash on Tuesday and Friday.

Dear Resident of Charlestown:

We thank you for allowing us to provide trash removal and recycling services to your community. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year and providing the highest quality of services that you expect to receive. We would like to remind you of a few items that will make our services easier and more efficient for your community. Please place all household trash in plastic bags or in trash bins at designated area at curbside. This will assure that no animals get into the trash and litter the surrounding area. A rear loader packer truck will collect your household trash. Recyclable material (see details below) should be placed in recycling bins, clear plastic bags or paper grocery bags so they can be easily identified as recyclables.

We ask and urge our clients to recycle, not only because it is the law in Fairfax County but also because recycling generally prevents the waste of potentially useful materials, reduces the consumption of raw materials and reduces energy usage, and hence greenhouse gas emissions, compared to virgin production. In an effort to encourage recycling and make the process more efficient, we have started single stream recycling. In a single stream recycling method, all recyclables (except yard waste) are collected in the same truck. The recyclables are then taken to a facility where they are separated by type. We use a rear-end packer truck for collection. Recyclable items include, newspaper, container glass, mixed paper, flattened cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal food and beverage cans. See the Fairfax County Curbside Recycling Chart for detailed photographs of what recyclables can and cannot be placed at the curb.

Yard waste recycling is also important for Fairfax County's environment because it reduces the amount of material destined for disposal while providing soil-improving properties to lawns and gardens. All single-family homes and most townhouses are required to recycle yard waste. Yard waste includes leaves, brush, branches, twigs and grass from regular household lawn and garden care. Brushes and limbs must be cut to a length of less than 4 feet long and bundled (arm-full size) with rope or twine and should not exceed a weight of greater than 50 pounds. Tree stumps and limbs that are larger than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length will not be collected. Specifically excluded are wood or lumber from decks, fences, etc. Brush does not include stumps or land clearing debris.

**Bulk Trash**

Bulk trash will include typical household effects, such as small items of used furniture, fixtures, and personal effects, and will be collected at no additional charge with prior arrangements.

White metal goods - refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, metal shelving, equipment with motors, etc. - are NOT considered bulk trash. They may be picked up, with prior arrangements scheduled by the homeowner, for a mutually agreed upon fee. Fees related to these pickups will be charged to the resident. Renovation or contractor debris, such as used carpet, cabinets, bathroom fixtures, and construction debris, e.g., used tiles, drywall, wood materials, paint containers, concrete, metal frames or rods, glass windows or doors, etc. are not considered bulk trash. They may be scheduled and collected for a mutually agreed upon fee paid by the homeowner.

Household hazardous waste is also disposed of separately and will not be accepted by our collectors. Household hazardous waste is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as hazardous material such as household cleaners, paint, paint thinners, motor oil, gasoline and pesticides. You may refer to the EPA website for more details on this and other environmental issues at [www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/p2pages/hhw.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/p2pages/hhw.pdf).

We are very happy to serve the residents of Charlestown and we look forward to working with you, not only as your trash hauler, but also as partners to make your community and our environment a safer and better place to live. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (703) 339-4560 at any time with any questions or concerns and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Meena S. Hanifi*

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**Senior Vice President**



**Please remember to recycle!**  
**It saves our environment and it is the law!**