



Trash Removal and Recycling Services Fact Sheet

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Effective May 1, 2014 American Disposal Services (ADS) started trash removal and recycling services for Watergate of Alexandria. ADS's services differ from those provided by our previous contractor. This fact sheet provides the details of ADS's services. Contact a Board member if you have questions.

Trash

- Pickup is three times per week, Monday, Thursday and Saturday.
- ADS does not collect on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day. They will collect on the next regularly scheduled day if one of these holidays falls on a collection day.
- Secure all trash in plastic bags. Bags must not exceed 50 pounds in weight.
- Place trash outside your home by **8 a.m.**
- Do not place cardboard out with the regular trash.

Recycling

- Pickup is once per week on Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Recycle bins are in the garages.
- You may place all recyclable materials in the same bin. There is no need to separate paper from other items.
- Recyclable materials are:
 - newspaper, magazines and other paper products (but not boxes); and
 - rinsed glass, plastic (#1-7), aluminum and ferrous metal food cans.

Packing boxes

- Flatten packing boxes.
- Place them in the garage next to the recycling bins.
- Pickup is at the same day and time as recycling.

Furniture and other large, non-metal household items

- Place furniture and household items smaller than two cubic yards in volume on the curb. There is no extra charge.
- Schedule, in advance with ADS, the pickup of larger furniture and household items and all appliances (white goods).
- ADS will charge the individual homeowner for the pickup of appliances.
- You must certify that all appliances containing Freon are Freon-free before removal.
- Call ADS to schedule pickup – 703-368-0500

Christmas trees

- ADS will provide notice before collecting trees. The schedule is generally during the first two weeks of January. There will be no charge.
- All trees must be tinsel and ornament free and may not be in bags.

Brush

- Tie brush in four-foot lengths, with limbs no larger than six inches in diameter, and place at the curb.
- Brush and yard debris must be in separate containers and not exceed 35 pounds per container.