

Solid Waste & Recycling in Radford

The City of Radford offers residents multiple ways to dispose of trash and recyclable items.

- These locations allow for citizens to dispose of trash, debris and recyclables in proper locations and prevent littering.

Locations for Recycling:

- 200 George Street
- 699 Seventeenth Street

Drop Center Location:

- 606 Seventeenth Street

Solid Waste Curbside Trash Collection

For more information on Solid Waste Collection and Recycling

Visit: <http://www.radfordva.gov/758/Solid-Waste-Recycling>

Call: 540-731-3605



Littering Laws Continued: Sec. 44-138. - Other violations.

A. Private property (litter and debris). It shall be the duty of each property owner and occupant to keep all private property free of litter and debris. These areas shall include, but are not restricted to, sidewalks, alleys, driveways, yards and grounds, fences, walls, and property lines, drainages, and vacant lots which are owned or leased by the establishment or institution.

B. Public sidewalks and adjacent areas. Each owner or occupant whose property borders on a city sidewalk or strip between a street and sidewalk, shall be responsible for keeping such areas free of litter. It shall be unlawful to sweep litter on or into a street or street right-of-way.

C. Construction or demolition sites.

- It shall be unlawful for any owner or contractor to permit the accumulation of litter before, during, or after completion of any construction or demolition project.
- It shall be the duty of the persons in charge of a construction or development site to collect and contain all material to prevent scattering. All construction and/or demolition debris shall be removed from such site after completion of any project.
- Where any substance, litter, or foreign matter has been tracked or deposited on any street, it shall be promptly removed by the responsible person. The term "responsible person," as used in this section, means the driver, his employer, the owner, or the prime contractor in charge of construction or demolition on any property.
- Advertising material handbill. It shall be unlawful for any person in distributing handbills, leaflets, flyers, or other advertising material to do so in such a manner that it litters either public or private property.
- Penalties. Violation of any provision of this section shall be a class 4 misdemeanor, punishable as provided in sections 1-7 and 44-3 (Ord. No. 1127, § 10-26, 4-24-89; Code 1992, §

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Litter Prevention



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Why People Litter?

- They feel no sense of community or ownership in the community,
- They believe someone else, a park maintenance or highway worker, will clean up after them,
- Litter has already accumulated,

“Litter-Known” Facts:

Motorists and pedestrians are often blamed for litter. There are actually seven primary sources of litter:

- Household trash handling and its placement at the curb for collection,
- Dumpsters used by businesses,
- Loading docks,
- Construction and demolition sites,
- Trucks with uncovered loads,
- Pedestrians,
- Motorists,

Litter is blown about by wind and traffic or carried by water. It moves until trapped by a curb, building or fence. Once litter has accumulated it invites people to add more.

Cost of Littering

Over 51 billion pieces of litter land on U.S. roadways each year.

- Litter cleanup costs the U.S. almost \$11.5 billion each year,
- Community’s economy and quality of life suffer. The presence of litter in a community take a toll on the quality of life, property values and housing prices.
- Litter has environmental consequences. Wind and weather, tragic and animals move litter into gutters, lawns and landscaped areas, alleyways and parking structures. Debris may be carried by storm drains into local waterways , with potential for serious environmental contamination.

What Can You Do?

- Set an example for others by choosing not to litter.
- IF you see litter, pick it up.
- Make sure trash cans have lids that can be securely fastened. Do not put loose trash in boxes.
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.
- Do not throw trash out of the window.
- Dispose of cigarette waste in ashtrays.
- Volunteer to help organize or participate in a clean-up.
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris to your local highway public works, or conservation office and as that the material be removed.



Littering and the Law

Sec. 44-136. - Littering prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drop, deposit or discard or otherwise dispose of litter in or upon any public or private property within the city, except in public containers or receptacles provided for the purpose, or in approved private containers or receptacles provided for public use. (Ord. No. 1127, § 10-24, 4-24-89; Code 1992, § 10-136)

State law reference— Unlawful dumping of trash, etc., Code of Virginia, § 33.1-346:

33.1-346: Dumping trash, companion animals, etc., on highway, right-of-way or private property; penalty.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or otherwise dispose of trash, garbage, refuse, litter, a companion animal for the purpose of disposal, or other unsightly matter, on public property, including a public highway, right-of-way, property adjacent to such highway or right-of-way, or on private property without the written consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

B. When any person is arrested for a violation of this section, and the matter alleged to have been illegally dumped or disposed of has been ejected from a motor vehicle or transported to the disposal site in a motor vehicle, the arresting officer may comply with the provisions of § 46.2-936 in making such arrest.

- When a violation of the provisions of this section has been observed by any person, and the matter illegally dumped or disposed of has been ejected or removed from a motor vehicle, the owner or operator of such motor vehicle shall be presumed to be the person ejecting or disposing of such matter. However, such presumption shall be rebuttable by competent evidence.

C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,500, either or both.

This last one is more of code enforcement, but can act as a reminder to keep your yard tidy

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