



PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY

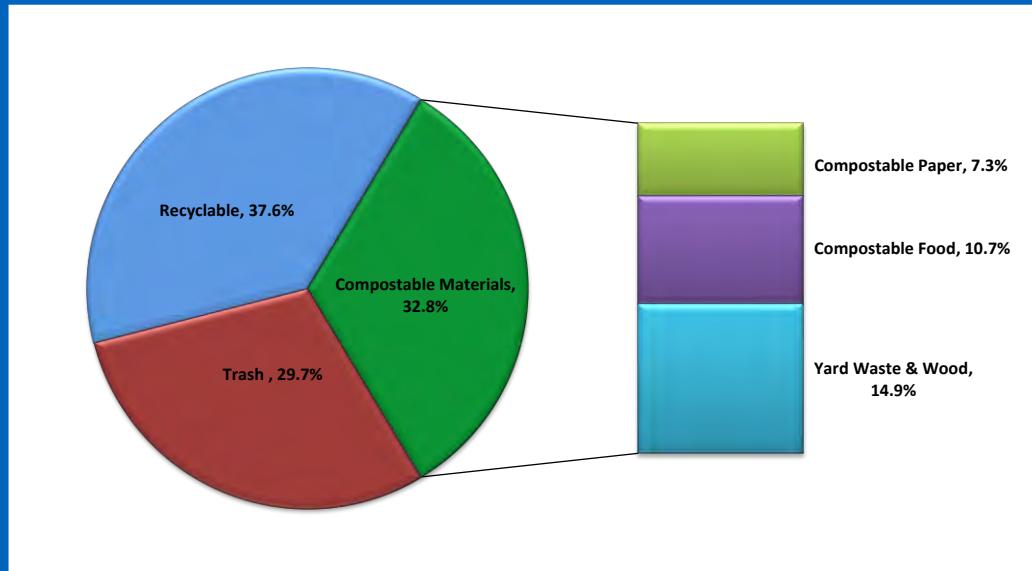
Homeowners' Associations and Condominiums Chapter 22 (Refuse) Code Webinar

Solid Waste Division

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WHY IS THE COUNTY CHANGING THE WAY YARD WASTE IS MANAGED?

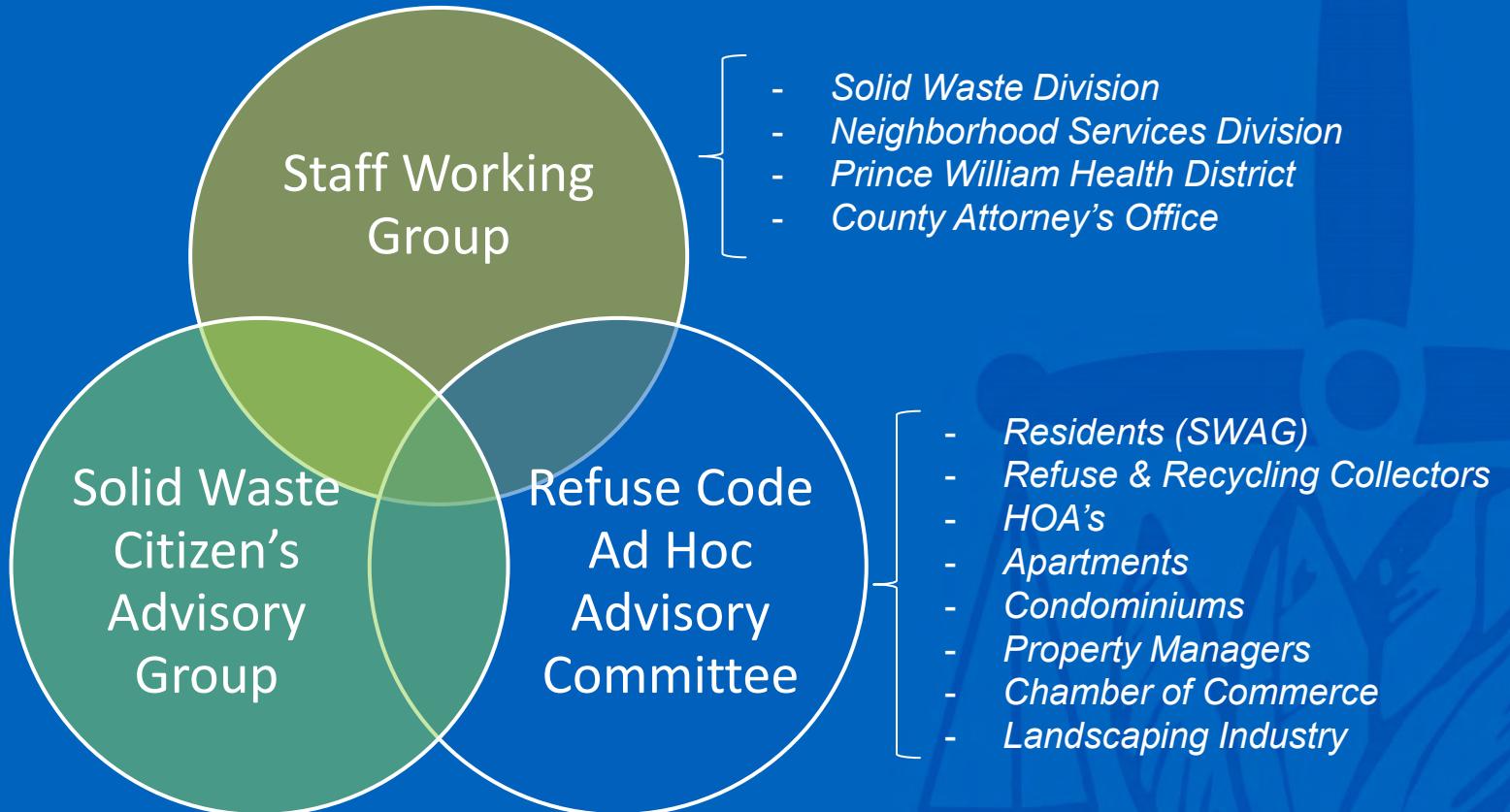


- 2014 study of materials going into our landfill indicated that nearly 1/3 was compostable
- Prince William County is only county in region not requiring yard waste collection
- More sustainable way to manage yard waste

WHAT IS PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 22?

- Chapter 22 (Refuse) addresses:
 - *Solid waste storage, preparation, and collection requirements*
 - *Health and safety nuisances on public and private property*
 - *Littering*
 - *Recycling*
 - *Solid Waste Fee (funding for solid waste infrastructure)*
- The Refuse Code provides the foundation for the County's Solid Waste Management system

WHO WAS INVOLVED IN REFUSE CODE CHANGE?



WHAT ARE THE KEY CHANGES FOR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND CONDOMINIUMS?

- Yard waste may not be placed in the regular trash or in plastic bags after October 1, 2021
- Yard waste may no longer be placed in plastic bags after October 1, 2021
- Christmas tree collection during 1st 2 weeks of January
- Recycling containers need to be at least 25% of the volume of accompanying refuse containers
- Notification requirements for property owners, business owners, managing agent of any business or apartment or condominium regarding recycling program



WHEN WILL THE NEW REQUIREMENTS BECOME EFFECTIVE?



*Yard Waste Collection in
Prince William County
Begins October 2021*

- No yard waste placed in trash
- Yard waste needs to be placed in biodegradable yard waste bags (not plastic bags)

WHERE DO THE YARD WASTE REQUIREMENTS APPLY?

- *Single family dwellings*
- *Two family dwellings*
- *Townhomes*
- *Multifamily dwelling units*
- *Mobile homes*
- *Condominiums*
- *Apartments*



WHAT DOES YARD WASTE INCLUDE?



What's Included:

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Wood chips
- Shrub and tree trimmings
- Christmas trees (1st 2 full weeks of Jan only)

What's NOT Included:

- Roots, stumps, trees or branches exceeding 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft. in length
- Materials > 50 pounds*

*Unless mechanically lifted

HOW SHOULD YARD WASTE BE PREPARED?

Acceptable:

- Leaving clippings on the lawn (or “grasscycling”) is best
- Biodegradable yard waste bags
- Personal container labeled for “yard waste”
- Bundled shrub and tree trimmings up to 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft. in length
- Bundles and containers may not exceed 50 pounds in weight (unless container can be mechanically lifted)



HOW SHOULD YARD WASTE BE PREPARED? (continued)

Unacceptable:

- Loose yard waste and/or brush
- Tree removal
- Yard wastes in cardboard boxes
- Unbundled shrub and tree trimmings up to 6 inches in diameter or 4 ft. in length
- Yard waste containers or bundles exceeding 50 pounds in weight (unless container can be mechanically lifted)



HOW SHOULD BRUSH BE PREPARED?

YES



NO



BRUSH SET OUT REQUIREMENTS:

- *Brush includes tree trimming (excluding stumps, trunks, and branches)*
- *Up to 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft. in length*
- *Bundles cannot exceed 50 lbs.*
- *Bundle with twine/jute (do not use metal or plastic to bundle)*
- *Material must be from general maintenance*
- *Does not include tree removal, land clearing, or development activities*

MINIMUM CONTAINER STANDARDS FOR YARD WASTE CONTAINERS*

Yard Waste Containers:

- Made of durable, watertight, rust-resistant material
- At least 10 gals
- No more than 45 gals
- Must have close-fitting lids
- Handles to facilitate collection



**Containers cannot not exceed 50 pounds in weight (unless capable of being mechanically lifted)*

WHERE DOES THE YARD WASTE GO FOR PROCESSING?



Balls Ford Road Composting Facility

BENEFITS OF IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF YARD WASTE

- Supports the County's Strategic Plan through the creation of new jobs here in the County—Freestate Farms anticipates hiring 20 positions and additional workers maybe needed by waste haulers
- Achieves the goal from the County's Solid Waste Management Plan to implement countywide yard waste collection
- Extend the life of the landfill by as much as 15 years



RECYCLING DUMPSTER LABELING REQUIREMENTS



8 Yard

25% of Refuse Volume



2 Yard

English

Spanish



RECYCLING CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 25% of volume of accompanying refuse containers
- Labeled at each opening in English and Spanish
- Include the chasing arrows (recycling symbol)

RECYCLING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must notify tenants and employees
- Material separation requirements
- How to prepare materials
- Set out requirements (if applicable)
- Location of recycling containers
- Collection schedule (if applicable)
- Name and phone number of a representative whom the tenant or employee may contact with any questions

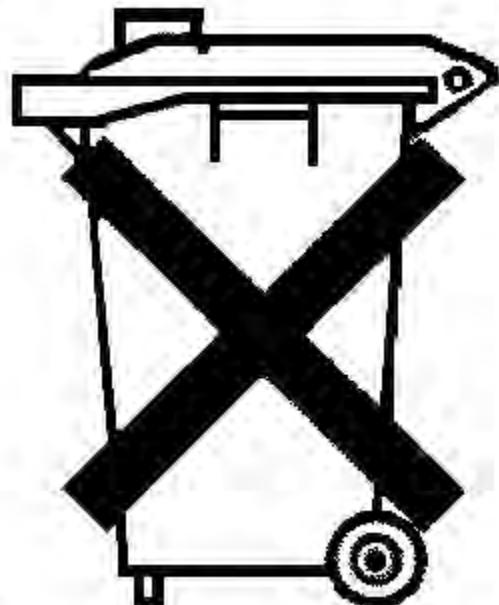


WHAT MATERIALS MUST BE RECYCLED?

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Mixed paper
- #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs and jars
- Aluminum and steel food and beverage cans
- Christmas trees (during 1st 2 weeks of January only)



HANDLING OF SPECIAL WASTE



Clarified Certain Federal and State Laws for Special Waste

- Lead-acid batteries
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury-containing thermostats
- Cathode-ray tube computer monitors and televisions
- Needles or "sharps" need to be prepared properly

Questions?

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