

Dear Cathy,

I've lived in Parkfairfax for more than five years now; a new neighbor moved in about three months ago. I'm really irritated: for the first month they were renovating and put boxes of construction debris outside in the middle of the day. I thought it would be temporary, but it's still happening: they put their trash out any time of the day or night! It's so unsightly—aren't there some kind of regulations on this matter?

Outraged by Garbage

Dear OG,

You are right: there are some specific regulations regarding trash pickup. Bags are to be placed on stoops or at the curb by 7 a.m., and never the night before. There is no pickup on Sundays, but our private trash service makes the rounds on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Recyclables are picked up Wednesday and the same rules apply regarding when to put these items out. Any residents who miss a trash pick-up are welcome to take the bags to the Maintenance Yard (access cards need to be used to gain entrance), where there are dumpsters available for trash and recyclables (as well as other forms of waste, including brush and branches, metals, appliances, large furniture items, etc.). You might consider approaching your neighbor in a helpful way, kindly letting them know the information above. As a last recourse, he practice is a covenants violation, and if you call the office to report details, the staff will follow up with a letter citing the transgression.

Hope this helps,

Cathy