

**TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
(FAQS)
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Q- WHICH REFUSE COMPANY WILL PICK UP TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE FOR DAWSON LANDING HOMEOWNERS?

RESPONSE: Patriot Disposal Inc., was awarded another 5 year contract from September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2026. Patriot will pick up trash, recycling and yard waste for Dawson Landing Homeowners.

Q - WHAT ARE THE NEW PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY (PWC) REQUIREMENTS FOR YARD WASTE?

RESPONSE: -On Dec. 15, 2020, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors unanimously approved changes to Chapter 22 (Refuse) of the County Code. **The key change is yard waste must be collected separately in a clearly labeled personal container or paper yard waste bags. Yard waste cannot be mixed with trash, or recyclable material.** Yard waste must be picked up, at least once a week from March -December. This will begin in October 1, 2021. Additionally, Christmas trees will be collected the first two weeks in January. For more information regarding the PWC requirements, please refer to the PWC documents posted on the Dawson Landing website <https://www.dawsonlanding.com/news-updates>

Q-WHEN DO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION APPLY IN THE COUNTY?

RESPONSE: Yard waste collection will begin October 1, 2021. **The first day for pick up in Dawson Landing will be Wednesday October 6, 2021.**

Q – WHAT IS CONSIDERED YARD WASTE FOR COLLECTION BY PATRIOT?

RESPONSE: Yard waste includes compostable waste materials generated by yard and lawn care and includes leaves, grass trimmings, brush, wood chips, shrub, tree trimmings and **branches up to** six inches in diameter and **up to** four feet in length and **50 pounds or less.** Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or a plastic container labeled yard waste. Branches may be bundled and tied.

Q- HOW SHOULD I LABEL MY PERSONAL YARD WASTE CONTAINER?

RESPONSE: Personal yard waste containers should be labeled “Yard Waste” and the label should be clearly visible to collection crews. If you prefer, you may pick up yard waste decals free of charge at the Prince William County Landfill, Balls Ford Road Compost Facility and at the Solid Waste Division Administrative Offices located at 5 County Complex Ct. during regular business hours. In addition, you may bundle brush and shrub and tree trimmings up to six inches

in diameter and four feet in length so long as bundles do not exceed 50 pounds in weight. These bundles may be placed next to the yard waste container.

Q- I DO NOT HAVE SPACE IN MY HOME FOR A PERSONAL YARD WASTE CONTAINER. WHAT CAN I USE?

RESPONSE: Yard waste may be placed in a paper yard waste bag. You may purchase the paper bags from local hardware stores, e.g., Lowes, Home Depot, etc. Plastic bags are prohibited. In addition, you may bundle brush and shrub and tree trimmings up to six inches in diameter and four feet in length so long as bundles **do not exceed 50 pounds in weight**. These bundles may be placed next to the yard waste bags. Also, **a yard waste bag cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.**

Q – WHAT IS NOT CONSIDERED YARD WASTE?

RESPONSE: Yard waste does not include roots or stumps, rocks, dirt, soil, sod, trunks, or **branches exceeding** six inches in diameter and **exceeding** four feet in length and **exceeding** 50 pounds in weight.

Q- DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN YARD WASTE COLLECTION?

RESPONSE: Yes, your yard waste must be collected separately from other waste (trash, recycling, etc.). You should set out yard waste as indicated above. However, residents do have the option to bring their separated yard waste in a personal container or paper bags to the Landfill or Balls Ford Road facility, free of charge. No plastic bags.

Q- WHAT, IF ANY, PENALTIES ARE THERE FOR FAILING TO SEPARATE YARD WASTE FROM NORMAL TRASH?

RESPONSE: Any resident who violates the material separation requirements will receive a notice of violation from Prince William County and shall have 14 days to correct the violation. In addition, any hauler (Patriot) that violates the requirements would be subject to notice of violation from Prince William County with 30 days to correct the issue. Haulers that do not comply with a written notice within 30 days are subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$500.00 for each willful refusal or failure to comply. These fines can be passed on to Dawson Landing Homeowners as an increase to the HOA fees if it is found that the homeowners are not in compliance.

Q- HOW WILL THE YARD WASTE PROGRAM BE ENFORCED?

RESPONSE: The County monitors complaints and will take progressive steps with residents and/or private collectors, as necessary, to enforce the County's yard waste requirements.

Q – WHICH DAYS WILL PATRIOT PICK UP TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE?

RESPONSE: Patriot will pick up trash on Tuesdays and Fridays; Recycling on Tuesdays; Yard Waste on Wednesdays.

Q- WHAT TIME MUST I HAVE MY TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE ON THE CURB FOR PICK UP?

RESPONSE: All items for collection must be out for pick up no later than 5:00 am on scheduled service days. Trash containers and yard waste may be placed out for pick-up at 5:00 pm or later the night before pickup and the containers must be retrieved from the curb on the day of service.

Q- WHAT ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED BULK ITEMS THAT PATRIOT WILL BILL THE HOMEOWNER FOR COLLECTION BEFORE REMOVAL?

RESPONSE: Advanced notice for the collection of the following is required: rocks, concrete, dirt, soil, sod, roots, tree stumps, brick, landscaping timbers, construction debris, computers, tires, TVs and containers or bundles weighing more than 50 lbs. or longer than 4 feet, appliances, electronics, grills, lawn mowers, exercise equipment and other large items. These items will be collected for a reasonable fee, to be paid by the homeowner prior to removal. Items scheduled for pickup that are not out on the scheduled pickup day, will be re-scheduled for pickup at the request of the homeowner for an additional fee. **To schedule collection contact Patriot at 703-257-7100.**

Q- WILL PATRIOT CONTINUE TO PICK UP SMALL ITEMS AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO HOMEOWNERS?

RESPONSE: Yes. Patriot will pick up mattresses and small furniture less than 40 pounds at no additional charge to the homeowner. Place the items out next to the trash container on the scheduled service day

Q – WILL PATRIOT PICK UP TRASH IN PLASTICS BAGS IF IT CANNOT FIT IN THE TRASH CONTAINER?

RESPONSE: Yes. However, the trash cannot be items considered Bulk or Yard Waste. Bulk items must be arranged for pick-up in advance with Patriot. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or a container labeled yard waste. Brush may be bundled. In addition, any trash container that weighs more than 35 pounds will not be emptied.

Q- IS THERE A MAXIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR TRASH CONTAINERS?

RESPONSE: Yes. A trash container cannot weigh more than 35 pounds. If it weighs more, Patriot will not empty/collect the trash.

Q- IS THERE ANY WASTE THAT PATRIOT WILL NOT COLLECT?

RESPONSE: Yes. The following items will **NOT** be collected: liquids of any kind, asbestos, ammunition, fuel tanks, hazardous waste, infectious or medical waste, petroleum contaminated soil, radioactive waste, dead animals, manure, dangerous acids, caustics, explosives, or other dangerous material or items too large or too heavy to be loaded safely into the collection vehicles.

Q -WHAT IS THE RECYCLING POLICY?

RESPONSE: Acceptable recyclable materials include newspaper, magazines, office paper, envelopes, flattened cardboard, paperboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, frozen food packages, glass, aluminum and tin food and beverage containers, plastic bottles, jugs and containers and empty aerosol cans. The recycling method is single-stream which allows for all recyclable materials to be placed together into one container. Packing boxes will be removed along with regular pickup of recyclable materials. No more than 25 moving boxes will be collected from one residence at one time.