



# Outdoor Storage

## *Do you know about Fairfax County's Outdoor Storage Rules?*

- Article 10-102 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates outdoor storage.
- On residential lots, outdoor storage:
  - ◆ May only be located on the rear half of the lot; and,
  - ◆ Must be screened from view from the first-story window of nearby homes; and,
  - ◆ May not exceed 100 square feet in area.
- Tarps and canvas covers are not acceptable means of screening.
- Construction materials and equipment may only be stored on residential property if the property owner has a valid building permit and work is in progress on the same property.
- Items stored in a carport (other than a vehicle) and/or in the open bed of a vehicle or trailer are regulated as outdoor storage and must comply with the associated regulations.
- On commercial or industrial lots, outdoor storage is limited to 250 square feet, however:
  - ◆ Larger areas may be permitted if designated on an approved site plan.
  - ◆ Development or proffered conditions may impose additional regulations.

### To report a possible violation:



Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance  
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035  
Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711  
Web: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code)



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

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