



**RULES OF OPERATION FOR THE  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
BALLS FORD ROAD COMPOST FACILITY**

Effective 12:01 a.m. March 1, 1994  
Date Last Amended: October 1, 2014  
(Tire Policy Revision Effective 10-1-19)

**General Information**

**Facility Hours of Operation:**

See Annex A.

**Yard Waste Fee Schedule:**

See Annex B.

**Rules**

These Rules are established by the Director of Public Works, with the approval of the Director of the Prince William Health District and the County Executive of Prince William County. These Rules are issued to govern the Balls Ford Road Compost Facility within the purposes of Chapter 22 of the Prince William County Code. The cooperation of all users is required.

1. Use of the Balls Ford Road Compost Facility is limited to residents of, and commercial establishments doing business in Prince William County, the towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket or Quantico and refuse removers having a valid refuse permit issued by the Department of Public Works. Proof of residency shall be required if a Prince William County Solid Waste Disposal Residential User Decal, the towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket or Quantico automobile decal does not appear on the vehicle. Personal property tax receipt, real estate tax receipt or valid Virginia motor vehicle operator's license may be used as proof of residency. Other forms of proof of residency may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
2. This facility is a yard waste composting facility and a refuse and recycling drop-off location for residential users. No refuse will be accepted from refuse haulers or commercial establishments. Refuse will only be accepted from residential users within Prince William County. Refuse from residents from jurisdictions within the boundaries of Prince William County, including the

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towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket or Quantico, and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park will be accepted for a fee.

3. All users shall be required to separate for recycling materials as specified by Chapter 22 Article VII of the Prince William County Code. Additional items may be added. All recyclable materials shall be placed in the designated recycling area and/or containers.
4. Yard waste and other approved organic material will be accepted from residents, refuse haulers and commercial establishments in accordance with the attached fee schedule. Yard waste from Fairfax County will be accepted in accordance with the Inter-jurisdictional Agreement between Prince William County and Fairfax County. Yard Waste is defined as grass, leaves, brush, logs (up to 24 inches in diameter), garden trimmings, and hedge trimmings. Other organic material, including food waste (pre-consumer fruits and vegetables and limited amounts of soiled paper) shall only be accepted with prior approval of the Solid Waste Division Chief or his/her designee. Any yard waste or organic material containing hazardous waste, petroleum products, dirt and rocks, refuse, or other contaminants not compatible with composting will be rejected. Large amounts of brush should be delivered to the Landfill yard waste facility.
5. The following rules apply for the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Collection facility:
  - a. Household hazardous waste and electronic waste will be accepted at the facility during the hours of operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.
  - b. Hazardous waste and electronic waste will not be accepted from businesses or commercial establishments.
  - c. Participants must be private citizens residing in Prince William County or the towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Quantico, or Haymarket. Residents of other jurisdictions may not use the service.
  - d. Items collected at these events must have originated from a private citizen's home use of the material. Material or items generated by businesses or as a result of a person's job will not be accepted. Substances created at home for use by the individual's employer or business will not be accepted.
  - e. Household hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to, paint, stains, lawn and garden chemicals, inks, household cleaners, caulks, adhesives, chemistry kits, mineral spirits, pet supplies, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, swimming pool chemicals, photography chemicals, driveway sealers, lacquers, spray paint, abrasives, and mercury products. Propane cylinders 20 lbs and smaller are accepted.
  - f. Electronic items include, but are not limited to, TVs, stereos, computer equipment, fax machines, printers, VCRs, scanners, cell phones, cameras, video game equipment, MP3s, and electronic readers.

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- g. Participants may bring in no more than 15 gallons of liquid hazardous product and no more than 40 lbs. of solid hazardous materials. Larger loads may not be accepted. Electronics are limited to three units per vehicle.
- 6. Prince William County assumes no liability for bodily injury, personal injury or property damage including damage to vehicles on the property. All persons and vehicles enter the disposal facility at their own risk.
- 7. Reuse of material disposed at this facility is not permitted except with prior approval of the Solid Waste Superintendent or his designee.
- 8. Scavenging in the residential disposal area, recycling area or any other place within the facility is prohibited. No loitering shall be allowed at the facility.
- 9. Speed limit in the facility is 5 M.P.H., unless otherwise posted. Passing of other vehicles is not allowed anywhere in the facility.
- 10. Hazardous wastes, asbestos, liquids, gas cylinders, acids, caustics, explosives and other dangerous materials will not be accepted.
- 11. Rocks, sod, concrete, asphalt, other clearing debris, and similar material will not be accepted.
- 12. Stumps from refuse removers or commercial users will not be accepted. Clean stumps from residential users in small amounts only, may be accepted.
- 13. Residential users may deliver up to 2 ½ cubic yards (regular pick-up truck) of construction and demolition debris. Construction and demolition debris will not be accepted from refuse haulers or commercial users. Construction and demolition debris includes, but is not limited to, lumber or wood, wooden shipping crates, carpet, vinyl or aluminum siding, wire, sheetrock or drywall, brick and masonry rubble, glass, pipes, concrete, shingles and other roofing material, and empty containers which have contained construction material.
- 14. Manure shall not be accepted at this facility.
- 15. Junked automobiles, boats, campers, hot tubs and mobile homes will not be accepted at this facility.
- 16. Refuse Removers and Commercial Users:
  - a. Only clean yard waste or organic waste from refuse removers and commercial users will be accepted at this facility. No refuse or construction debris from refuse haulers or commercial users will be accepted. Large loads of brush should be taken to the Landfill yard waste facility.
  - b. All vehicles entering the facility to dispose of yard waste must be weighed at the scales. Tailgates must not be unlatched at the scale area. Tailgates must be opened and closed only at the dumping area unless otherwise directed by facility personnel.

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- c. **Vehicles must dump yard waste only in designated dumping areas as specified by the Solid Waste Superintendent or his designee. These areas are subject to change due to weather conditions and other operating factors. After dumping, trucks may be cleaned out only at the designated dumping area and not along access roads.**
  - d. **All refuse remover vehicles shall carry an approved and fully charged fire extinguisher of at least 5 lbs.**
  - e. **If a gate fee is charged, all refuse removers and commercial users will be charged at the time of disposal when bringing yard waste to the facility, unless other arrangements are made prior to disposal.**
  - f. **Appliances from commercial users and refuse haulers will not be accepted at this facility.**
  - g. **Violations of any of these Rules shall provide penalties in accordance with Section 100.13 (Penalties for Violation) of the Regulations for the Prince William County Solid Waste Facilities.**
17. **Residential Users:**
- a. **Residential users shall dump in designated disposal and recycling areas.**
  - b. **If a fee is charged, all users will be charged at the time of disposal when bringing material to the facility.**
  - c. **Discarded appliances, building materials and other bulky items from residential users shall be separated and deposited into designated disposal or recycling locations.**
  - d. **Tires are considered special waste and are not included in the solid waste user fee. See Annex B (Fee Schedule) for the tire disposal fees.**
  - e. **Fuel tanks and drums will only be accepted from residential users if they are completely empty and clean, and both ends removed. Small propane cylinders of 20 lbs. size or less will be accepted only during Household Hazardous Waste collections.**
  - f. **During and immediately after inclement weather, vehicles will be admitted to the facility at the discretion of the Solid Waste Superintendent or his designee.**
  - g. **Violations of any of these Rules shall provide penalties in accordance with Section 22-4(b) (Authority to promulgate rules and regulations) of the Prince William County Code and/or Section 100.13 (Penalties for Violation) of the Regulations for the Prince William County Solid Waste Facilities.**

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APPROVED BY:

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DATE: 10-10-2014

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM COUNTY ATTORNEY
<u>[Signature]</u>
DATE: <u>Sept 29, 2014</u>



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**Annex A**

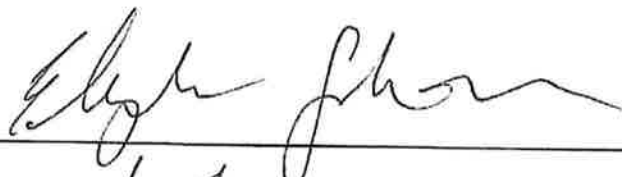
**Balls Ford Road Compost Facility Hours of Operation**

*Note: All dumping must be complete no later than 15 minutes after the closing time listed below.*

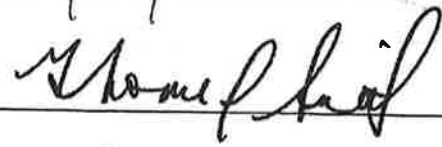
<b>Residents, Refuse Haulers, and Commercial Users:</b>	
Monday through Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed
Holiday Hours - Facility is open with early closing on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Christmas Eve	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day	Closed
<b>Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling (Residents Only):</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month	<b>Temporarily Closed</b> 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when reopen

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Annex B  
FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Organic Waste - Yard and Food (rates subject to change based on contracted costs):</b>	
Permitted Refuse Removers with Waste Collected in Prince William County and County, State, and Federal agencies and authorities located in the County (subject to verification; no roll-off boxes)	No charge
Prince William County Residential Users	No charge
Residential Users from the Towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket, and Quantico and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park	\$35.50 per ton
Landscape Companies and Commercial Users with Waste Collected in Prince William County	<p>\$35.50 per ton for clean unbagged or brown kraft paper bagged yard waste;</p> <p>\$38.00 per ton for yard waste in bags other than brown kraft paper;</p> <p>\$38.00 per ton for clean unbagged mixed organic waste or food waste;</p> <p>\$41.00 per ton for mixed organic waste or food waste in any type of bag (paper, compostable, plastic, etc.)</p>
Refuse Removers and other Commercial Users with Waste Collected Outside of Prince William County (subject to available capacity)	<p>\$35.50 per ton for clean unbagged or brown kraft paper bagged yard waste;</p> <p>\$38.00 per ton for yard waste in bags other than brown kraft paper;</p> <p>\$38.00 per ton for clean unbagged mixed organic waste or food waste;</p> <p>\$41.00 per ton for mixed organic waste or food waste in any type of bag paper, compostable, plastic, etc.)</p>

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**FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Refuse:</b>	
Prince William County Refuse Removers and Commercial Users	Not accepted
Prince William County Residential Users	No charge
Residential Users from the Towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket, and Quantico and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park	\$5.00 per vehicle per trip for up to 200 pounds and \$45.00 per ton for amounts over 200 pounds
<b>Construction and Demolition Debris:</b>	
Prince William County Refuse Removers and Commercial Users (including County, State, and Federal agencies and authorities located in the County)	Not accepted
Prince William County Residential Users	No charge for loads up to 2 ½ cubic yards (standard pickup truck bed). Larger amounts are not accepted.
Residential Users from the Towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket, and Quantico and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park	\$25.00 per trip for loads up to 2 ½ cubic yards (standard pickup truck bed). Larger amounts are not accepted.
Contractors and Home Improvement Companies	Not accepted
<b>Approved Recyclable Materials:</b>	
Refuse Removers and Commercial Users	Not accepted
Residential Users	No charge (may not be contaminated or mixed with refuse or other non-recyclables)

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<b>Wooden Pallets (rates subject to change based on contracted costs):</b>	
Prince William County Residents	No charge for up to four (4) pallets; greater amounts not accepted
All Other Users	Not accepted
<b>SPECIAL WASTES</b>	
<b>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste:</b>	
Prince William County Residential Users	No charge: HHW limited to 40 pounds of solid waste or 15 gallons of liquid waste, and Electronics limited to three (3) units
Residential Users from the Towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket, and Quantico	No charge: HHW limited to 40 pounds of solid waste or 15 gallons of liquid waste, and Electronics limited to three (3) units
Residents from the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park	Not accepted
Businesses and Commercial Users	Not accepted
<b>Tires (rates subject to change based on contracted costs):</b>	
Prince William County Residential Users	Four (4) tires per month at no charge for passenger car and truck tires only. No additional tire quantities or commercial or oversized tires are accepted.
All Other Users	Not accepted

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<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<b>Vehicle Weighing:</b>	
Residential Users and Military Personnel	No charge
Commercial and Businesses	\$10.00 each
<b>Copies of Tickets:</b>	
Unsigned tickets	\$5.00 per ticket
Signed tickets	\$10.00 per ticket
<b>Special Handling:</b>	
Any operation requiring assistance from County personnel and/or equipment	Charged at a rate of \$200.00 per hour with a one (1) hour minimum charge

**APPROVED BY:**

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DATE 12/21/23 

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DATE December 21, 2023 