

Parking Restrictions in Fairfax County

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Commuter parking in neighborhoods	Allowed unless otherwise prohibited by law. RPPD program exists to allow community to petition for restrictions. Temporary visitor passes can be obtained from the local police station or FCDOT. Applicants will need the date and times of the visitor(s) and the license tags to get the passes.	FCDOT	FFX 82-5A	FCDOT RPPD Manager 703-324-1199
Parking boats/trailers/RVs in residential areas	Allowed unless otherwise prohibited by law. CPD program exists to allow community to petition for restrictions.	FCDOT	FFX 82-5B	FCDOT CPD Manager 703-324-1189
Parking within 10 feet of driveways	Parking not allowed with 10' of driveways. Police will enforce only upon enforcement request/complaint of the driveway owner(s).	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-1(A)(2)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Accessible (handicap) parking spaces - Violations	It is illegal to park in a properly designated accessible parking space unless a valid accessible (handicap) license plate or placard is displayed. In Virginia, the DMV issues such plates or placards with the proper documentation. Police can enforce on public and private locations where properly posted. See "Accessible (handicap) parking spaces - How to get" below in the Signs section	FFX PD	FFX 82-1-6 State 46.2-1242	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking adjacent to fire hydrant	Parking not allowed within 15' of hydrant. Police/F&R will enforce on both public and private roads.	FFX F&R/FFX PD	FFX 82-5-1(A)(4) FFX PFM Chapter 9	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking adjacent to stop sign	Parking not allowed with 30' of stop sign. Police will enforce.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-1(A)(7)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking at intersections	Parking not allowed within the radius of the intersection. Radius is from where the pavement begins to curve for the cross street.	FFX PD/FCDOT	FFX 82-5-1(A)(3)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131

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Parking adjacent to bus stops	Parking not allowed within 30' of bus stop. Bus stops designated by: Fairfax Connector WMATA CUE	FFX PD FCDOT WMATA CUE	FFX 82-5-40	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FCDOT Manager 703-324-1175 WMATA Manager 202-962-1937 CUE Manager 703-385-7859
Parking in travel/turn lanes	Parking in travel/turn lanes is prohibited.	FFX PD	FFX 82-1-6 State 46.2-888	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking on both sides of narrow road	Allowed unless otherwise prohibited by law and not impeding traffic or fire lanes. If parking is presenting problems, contact VDOT. If VDOT declines action, FCDOT can review.	VDOT/FCDOT	State 46.2-888 FFX 82-5-37	VDOT Traffic Engineering 703-383-2400 FCDOT Parking Manager 703-324-1185
Parked vehicles present line-of-sight problems to vehicle drivers and to pedestrians	Parking not allowed with 20' of designated crosswalk. If parking is creating sight distance problems, contact VDOT. If VDOT declines action, FFX DOT can review.	FFX PD/VDOT/FCDOT	FFX 82-5-1(a)(6) State 46.2-888 FFX 82-5-37	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 VDOT Traffic Engineering 703-383-2400 FFX DOT Parking Manager 703-324-1185
Unattended/Abandoned vehicles on public roads	Vehicles left unattended for 10 or more days may be towed. 40 days after being towed, the vehicle can be declared abandoned. The vehicle can then be sold/disposed of. Trailers are considered vehicles in this statute. Police will enforce.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-29	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Inoperable vehicles on public roads	Police may tow after being left on road for 4 or more days.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-29	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131

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Expired/no safety inspection decal	Must have valid State safety inspection. Police will enforce. Police may tow after being left on road 4 or more days.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-26 (b)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Expired/no county vehicle tax decal	"non-moving" citation - fine \$40. \$20 late fee can be assessed. If ticket not paid after 120 days, DTA places a DMV hold on individuals license. This hold precludes them from renewing their license plates/DMV registration and drivers license until they pay their County taxes, decal fee and outstanding ticket(s). Police will enforce. Police may tow after being left on road 4 or more days.	FFX PD/DTA	FFX 82-5-26 (c)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FFX DTA 702-222-8234
Expired/no license plate tag	Vehicles required to have a current license plate. New residents to Virginia must register/license within 30 days of moving into the state. Military/diplomatic people are exempt from requiring VA tags but still must have valid tags. Police will enforce. Police may tow after being left on road 4 or more days.	FFX PD VA DMV	FFX 82-5-26 (a)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 State www.dmv.state.va.us
Out-of-state/out-of-country license plate tags	Vehicles required to have a current license plate. New residents to Virginia must register/obtain license within 30 days of moving into the state. Military/diplomatic people are exempt from requiring VA tags but still must have valid US tags. Police will enforce.	FFX PD VA DMV	FFX 82-5-26 (a)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 State www.dmv.state.va.us
Parking on wrong side of two-way roads	Vehicles must be parked facing direction of travel lane. Vehicles may park on either side (in the proper travel direction) of a one-way road if not otherwise prohibited.	FFX PD	VA 46.2-889	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131

Parked Vehicles Health and Safety Issues

Leaking sewage from parked vehicles such as RVs	It is illegal to leak or otherwise cause sewage materials to leak from parked, stopped, or standing vehicles.	FFX DPW/HD	FFX PFM Chapter 46	FFX Health Department 703-246-2300
Oil/anti-freeze/gasoline/hydraulic fluid dripping on road from parked vehicles	If the fluids are seeping into ground water, endangering animals, flowing from the leakage location, or creating a fire hazard, such	FFX F&R	FFX PFM Chapter 46	Dial 911

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	leakage is illegal. Contact the Fire Department. Materials presenting a safety or health problem are handled by the Health Department.	FFX HD	FFX Chapter 46	FFX Health Department 703-246-2300
Vehicles on jack(s) on public road	It is permissible to have a vehicle on jack(s) for emergency repairs only. Vehicles left on jack(s) for a period of time will be considered unattended.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-29	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Vehicles on blocks/jacks private property/private roads	Contact Police Department or Zoning Enforcement for determination and enforcement. In addition, must be kept in a fully enclosed shelter or completely screened/shielded from view. In an agreement with the Police Department, Zoning handles 6 or more inoperable vehicles.	FFX PD FFX DPZ	FFX Chapter 100 10-100	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
Vehicle with broken windshield - public road	It is permissible to have a broken windshield as long as the vehicle is parked. However, a vehicle with a broken windshield for a period of time may be considered unattended.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle with flat tire(s) - public road	It is permissible to have a vehicle with a flat tire(s). However, vehicles with a flat tire(s) for an extended period of time may be considered unattended.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-29	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking mobile food vendor vehicles/trailers	It is illegal to park food dispensing vehicles in residential areas. Zoning ordinance permits only one such vehicle per private residential property. Vendors must be licensed by the Virginia Health Department.	FFX PD FFX DPZ FFX HD	FFX 82-5-7 FFX 10-102 FFX Chapter 43.1	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300 FFX Health Department 703-246-2444
Parked vehicles containing safety/health/hazardous	Fire and Rescue will investigate any reports of materials	FFX F&R/FFX HD		Dial 911 to report

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materials	<p>presenting an immediate hazard to the public.</p> <p>Materials presenting a safety or health problem are handled by the Health Department.</p>	FFX HD	FFX PFM Chapter 46	<p>the material</p> <p>FFX Health Department 703-246-2300</p>
Repairing vehicles on public roads	It is permissible to make emergency repairs to a vehicle on a public road as long as it is not in a travel lane or otherwise obstructing traffic.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fire Lanes				
Fire lane no parking - How to get	<p>Fire Lanes established in accordance with the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual. Will be created if necessary, but will not be created unless needed for emergency vehicle access. Fire lanes are only established on County owned or privately owned roadways.</p> <p>Fire and Rescue/Police can enforce.</p>	FFX FD/FFX PD	<p>FFX PFM Chapter 62</p> <p>FFX 82-5(a)(4)</p>	<p>Fire Lanes Unit, 246-4849, Option "1"</p> <p>FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131</p>
Signs				
Accessible (handicap) parking spaces - How to get	Accessible parking spaces are marked in accordance with the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual. The police enforce properly established accessible parking spaces. If a location does not have appropriate/proper accessible parking spaces, contact DPWES Building Code Services.	<p>FFX PD</p> <p>FFX DPWES</p>	<p>FFX 82-5-29.1</p> <p>FFX 7-0802.4</p>	<p>FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131</p> <p>FFX Building Code Services 703-324-1980</p>
No Parking signs - How to get	On VDOT owned roadways, VDOT has first responsibility for determining if no parking is appropriate for a location. If VDOT declines to install then Fairfax County has authority to install No Parking signs on secondary roads if the criteria in County Code 82-5-37 is met. The Board must pass a resolution to get the signage and VDOT must issue a permit prior to installing the signs.	VDOT/FCDOT	FFX 82-5-37	<p>VDOT Traffic Engineering 703-383-2400</p> <p>FCDOT Parking Manager 703-324-1185</p>

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	On County owned roads or private roads proffered to the County, the County can institute parking restrictions if the criteria in County Code 82-5-37 is met. The County Executive has delegated authority to the Director of FCDOT to authorize the sign installation. No resolution or permit is required.	FCDOT	FFX 82-5-37	FCDOT Parking Manager 703-324-1185

Other Objects in Roads/Property

Parking dumpsters/PODS on public roads	The Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board states that VDOT roadways are for the use of vehicles only. All other uses require the consent of VDOT in the form of a permit. VDOT does not, however, issue permits for parking dumpsters/pods. The police, upon receiving a complaint, will contact the owner of illegally parked dumpsters/PODs, to remove them. If not removed, the police will have the dumpsters/PODs towed.	VDOT/FFX PD	VCTB 24VAC30-150- 20	VDOT Permits Office 703-383-2888 FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking dumpsters/debris containers/PODS on private roads	Dumpsters are trash containers and must be properly screened or located in accordance with an approved site plan. These dumpsters are usually for the dumping of normal household garbage.	FFX DPZ	FFX 10-102	FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
	Debris containers are usually associated with temporary construction debris collection and removal. They require the property owner to have a current building permit and be actively conducting construction. On a private road, short-term placement of a debris container requires the permission of the owner of the road.			
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Parking vehicles on lawns	It is a zoning violation to park vehicles on lawns for more than 48 hrs. Generally, only 25% of front lawn in R1-R2 can be paved or otherwise made into a driveway; only 30% of front lawn in R3-R4.	FFX DPZ	FFX PFM 11-100	FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
Parking vehicles on roads and conducting business	It is illegal to park any vehicle from which any merchandise is being sold upon any street. Also contact Fairfax County Consumer Protection for information concerning peddlers.	FFX PD FFX CP	FFX 82-1-30 82-5-19(3)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FFX Consumer Protection 703-222-8435
Parked vehicles for sale on public roads	It is illegal to park a vehicle on a public road for the purpose of selling or offering the vehicle for sale or rent.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-19(1)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Parking/stopping construction/commercial vehicles in fire lanes/designated emergency access lanes on private property	It is illegal to park/stop any vehicle in a duly designated fire lane or emergency access lane regardless of whether on public or private roadways. Fire lanes/emergency access lanes must be designated as such by Fire and Rescue. Both Fire and Rescue and Police Departments can issue citations. Only one commercial vehicle (limited in size) is permitted on private property in residentially zoned areas.	FFX F&R/FFX PD FFX DPZ	FFX PFM Chapter 62 FFX 82-5(a)(4) FFX 10-102	Fire Lanes Unit, 246-4849, Option "1" FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131 FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
Parking/stopping in fire lanes/designated emergency access lanes for public or community swimming pools	It is illegal to park/stop and vehicle or object that blocks the emergency access lane to the pool, when the pool is open for use.	FFX HD	FFX Chapter 69.1	FFX Health Department 703-246-2300
Debris left in roadway	Dumping on a public roadway is illegal. The FFX County Health Department is the initial agency for investigating dumping of debris complaints.	FFX HD	FFX PFM Chapter 46	FFX Health Department 703-246-2300

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	If a roadway is owned by VDOT then VDOT is responsible for cleaning up the road.	VDOT		VDOT 703-383-2400

Buses/Commercial Vehicles

Commercial Vehicles in residential areas	It is illegal to park any commercial vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer on or adjacent to roads in residentially zoned areas, except one taxicab or limousine per dwelling unit. Does not apply to temporary business activity. Description of commercial vehicles described in County Code 82-5-7.	FFX PD/FCDOT	FFX 82-5-7	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
	Where roads zoned residential on one side abut non-residential areas, the Board may, by resolution, prohibit commercial parking on the non-residential side of the road. As this requires Board action, process should start with local supervisor's office.	FCDOT	FFX 82-5-37	FCDOT Parking Manager 703-324-1185
	Only one commercial vehicle (limited in size) is permitted on private property in residentially zoned areas.	FFX DPZ	FFX 10-102	FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
Garbage/Trash trucks parked on highways	It is illegal to park a commercial vehicle used to haul solid waste on any highway in Fairfax County.	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-7.1 109-5-1 (c)	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131
Vehicles being stored on residential public roads for purposes of sale or repair	It is illegal to operate a car sale or repair business from a residential home. Also see expired/no safety decal and expired/no license plate tag.	FFX DPZ	FFX 10-300	FFX Zoning Enforcement 703-324-1300
Buses other than school buses parked in residential areas	It is illegal to park any motor vehicle including licensed common carriers , trailer, or semi-trailer on or adjacent to roads in residentially zoned areas except one taxicab or limousine per residence. Does not apply to temporary business activity. Description of commercial vehicles described in County Code	FFX PD	FFX 82-5-7	FFX Police Non-emergency 703-691-2131

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	82-5-7.			
County school buses parked in residential areas	It is permissible to park public school buses in residential areas. If citizens complain, the school may direct the driver not to park overnight in residential areas, however, buses will be allowed to park in residential areas during the day.	FFX Schools		FFX County Schools 703-446-2000