

# APPENDIX H

## *A Resident's Guide to Recycling In the Meadows*

### **WHERE do I place my recyclable items?**

In the bins that are located near the entrance to each court. The bins are for plastic, glass, and metal items only, and items may be commingled. Paper items must be placed in paper bags or tied with string and placed on the ground next to the bins, *not in the bins*. Attempt to secure items on windy days so they do not blow away and become litter in the community.

### **WHEN can I place items out for recycling?**

The bins are placed at court entrances on Tuesday and are collected by our trash hauler on Wednesday. Paper items are picked up separately, a little later in the day. Do not put items out for recycling if the bins are not present.

### **WHAT items can I recycle?**

- Glass bottles and jars (rinsed clean, lids are OK)
- Metal and aluminum food and beverage cans (all types of metal food and beverage cans, rinsed clean; lids and aluminum foil are also OK)
- Plastic bottles and jugs numbered 1-7 (e.g., milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, flower pots, buckets, and medicine containers, rinsed clean; labels, caps and neck rings are OK)
- Newspapers, magazines and catalogs (clean; securely bundled or in paper – not plastic – bags; newspaper inserts are OK, but remove all plastic wrapping)
- Mixed paper (e.g., office paper, brochures and other glossy paper,

- telephone books, file folders, junk mail, envelopes with and without windows, egg cartons, Post-It notes, self adhesive paper, soft cover books, and paper bags; securely bundled or in paper – not plastic -- bags)
- Corrugated cardboard (clean, multi-layered corrugated cardboard, flattened, and with all packing material removed; pizza boxes OK if all pizza and cheese remnants are removed)
  - Paperboard (e.g., cereal and cracker boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, beverage cartons, gift boxes, and any other single-layered paperboard not coated with wax; please flatten; discard liners and any plastic)

### **Additional Guidelines :**

- Items should be clean and free of food contamination.
- Flatten moving and other large boxes.
- Place materials loose in the bins, not inside plastic or paper bags.
- Crushing or flattening items to the extent possible will help reduce volume in the bins and avoid spillover onto the ground.
- Please use caution when placing items in the bins to avoid breaking glass and causing a hazard for yourself and others.

### **WHAT items are NOT accepted?**

- Plastic bags (re-use, then recycle at most grocery stores)
- Cookware and ceramics
- Drinking glasses and crystal
- Dishes
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Window glass
- Styrofoam
- “Clamshell” containers
- Packing materials (bring clean peanuts and bubble wrap to the

UPS store in Shirlington for re-use by them)

- Containers that held toxic or hazardous materials
- Tissue, napkins, or paper towels
- Wax paper items
- Paper/books containing plastic or metal binders (3-ringed)
- Carbon paper
- Copy paper ream straps
- Food wrappers or other paper contaminated with food waste
- Alkaline batteries (dispose of in your regular household trash; other batteries, excluding car batteries, can be recycled at County fire stations)

### **Items not listed:**

If you find yourself wondering about an item not listed, it's a good idea to follow this rule: "When in doubt, leave it out."

### **County Drop-Off Centers:**

In addition to the availability of Meadows curbside recycling, the County also has drop-off centers, one each in North and South Arlington, where you also will find bins for the collection of metal household items, such as pots, pans, tools, pipes, Venetian blinds, and small appliances. If you use either of these centers, please remember that they are for recycling and are not dumping stations. In fact, cameras recently have been installed to catch violators, who are ticketed through the mail. You can report any problems encountered while using the drop-off centers to 703.228.6570.

### **Household Hazardous Materials (HHM):**

Household hazardous materials are hazardous chemicals

that should not be thrown out with your regular trash or recycled because they might spill or leak and contaminate the environment. These include such items as home, lawn and garden chemicals, paints, items containing mercury, flammable cleaning solvents, corrosives, television and computer monitors that contain a traditional picture tube (cathode ray tube – CRTs), and small propane tanks. These materials may be taken to Arlington County's HHM drop-off facility located at the Water Pollution Control Plant, 3402 S. Glebe Road, (703) 228-6832. The HHM entrance is at 3155 S. Fern Street. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; you may also schedule weekday drop-offs. There may be a small fee associated with the disposal of some hazmat items. For a complete listing of what is and is not accepted at the HHM drop-off facility, and for other general recycling information, please refer to Arlington County's website: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSolidWasteMain.aspx>.

**REMEMBER -- It is ILLEGAL to dump hazardous materials on the ground or into storm sewers. Telephone (703) 558-2222 to report violations.**

## *Reduce, Reuse, Then Recycle*

Recycling is not only a great way for individuals to contribute to the Earth's preservation, but it has economic benefits by employing 1.1 million people and generating \$236 billion in annual revenues.

And don't forget the other two "R"s – Reduce and Reuse!