

December 15, 2011

Dear Property Owners, Landlords and Tenants:

Twice a year thousands of students and young adults pack their belongings, dispose of unwanted items and move from dorms and off-campus rental housing.

In order to help these moves, the City's Department of Public Works places several dumpsters in four convenient areas for six week intervals, beginning in late April and late July. Often, however, furniture, mattresses, appliances and garbage are stacked several feet high near the dumpsters or discarded on sidewalks and along many streets.

We are asking for your cooperation in our new initiative, Project Clean Move, which will be implemented on January 1, 2012. The Project is a multi-pronged program designed to help students, landlords and property owners in their moves. It encourages students to get an early start in planning their move and seeks to educate and bring awareness about laws related to illegal dumping and trash accumulation as well as recycling efforts

Property owners and landlords will be encouraged to monitor their tenant's disposal habits and curtail any instances of illegal dumping. At the same time, we will have strict, enforcement of our laws related to illegal dumping and the unlawful accumulation of trash.

This letter is going out to all of the registered property owners in the Fan, Carver and Oregon Hill. We want to do our part to help students moving out of rental property. We seek your help in making sure that the neighborhoods are left clean and safe during this process.

The City of Richmond is dedicated to helping landlords, property owners, students and their families with the ease of moving. At the same time, we are serious about ensuring the physical appearance of the neighborhoods that are subject to a massive number of moves in a short period of time.

Please note that tenants, landlords and property owners are responsible for meeting all ordinances regarding trash and debris. The City will pursue penalties for violations as set out in Sections 38-151, 152, 155, 156 and 157 (dealing with unlawful dumping, unlawful accumulations, and penalties). In addition, if the City performs the clean up, a charge will be assessed to the property owner, which shall be a lien on the property.

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The City has launched www.RichmondGov.com/PublicWorks/ProjectCleanMove.aspx on the City's website in the Department of Public Works area to answer questions you and/or your tenants may have about the project and to learn more about what the City requires and expects during the transition.

The City Department of Public Works, Virginia Commonwealth University and the Fan District Association are working in concert to keep the Fan community and the campus as clean as possible during students' moves. We welcome any suggestions you may have for how we can best facilitate assisting the university, students and property owners during the transitions.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in our efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 804-646-6430.

Sincerely,

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City to Enforce Ordinance Designating Times for Supercan Placement

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~\$50 per Day Following Violation Warning~

City residents will need to pay strict attention to the times they put out their Supercan, as well as the time they remove it from the City right-of-way. Beginning March 11, in accordance with a City Ordinance, residents and property owners will be subject to monetary fines for leaving their Supercans aut too long.

City Code Section 86-44 stipulates Supercans and recycling bins should not be placed out earlier than 4 p.m. on the day before collection and must be removed from the right-of-way by 7 a.m. the day after collection. The City right-of-way includes sidewalks, alleys and median strips between sidewalks and roadways.

"The right-of-way is part of a natural corridor contributing to the aesthetic quality and value of our neighborhoods. Removal of our refuse and recycling receptacles after service returns this area to its natural state, providing pedestrian, cycling and vehicular passage in our communities," said James Jackson, Director of the Department of Public Works.

For the first violation of the ordinance, the property owner or utility account holder (if they are not the same person) will receive a violation notification sticker on their Supercan. The violator will also receive a letter notifying them of the infringement. Following notification, violators will be penalized \$50 per day for each calendar day the can is not removed, starting the day following the last collection. For example, if trash is collected on Tuesday and the can is still out after 7 a.m. Wednesday, a sticker will be placed on it and a letter will be sent. If the resident is still non-compliant as of the date of the letter the fine will be retroactive back to the first day of the violation. For residents who place out more than one Supercan, a separate \$50 per day fee will be imposed for each can. The fines will be added to the monthly utility statement.

Each residence can have up to four Supercans with the City providing one can free of charge. Residents who need additional cans may purchase them for \$55 each by calling Customer Care at 3-1-1 or 646-7000.

For more information on city services and schedules, please visit www.RichmondGov.com.

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