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Trash Ordinance Reminders

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors, Amherst County Sheriff's Office, and many other departments and employees work hard to help keep the County of Amherst clean. The Coalition for a Cleaner County is a group of citizen volunteers and County staff members that work together to address litter. To find out more visit their Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CleanerCounty/>

Citizens can also help keep Amherst clean by being aware of and following the Amherst County Code of Ordinances. Here are a few ordinances to keep in mind when dealing with trash.

- **Litter shall include, but is not limited to, (Sec. 13-27)** any garbage, trash, refuse, rubbish, offal, newspaper, magazine, glass, metal, plastic or paper container, construction waste, or any discarded object likely to injure any person, create a traffic hazard, or degrade the environment.
- **Transportation of waste (Sec. 13-30.b).** No person shall transport any litter or solid waste in an open or uncovered vehicle along the streets, roads, or highways of the county, unless the load is covered by a tarpaulin or other suitable cover in such manner as to contain the entire load. If any of the contents of the load shall be blown, spilled, fall, or become scattered in or upon any public way or place, such person shall immediately cause such contents to be gathered up and removed and shall pay any cost of the cleanup.
- **Duty of owners and occupants (Sec 13-31.a).** It shall be the responsibility of each owner, agent, occupant, or lessee to keep his or her property free of litter. The owner, agent, occupant, or lessee of any property shall be responsible for removing litter accumulating on said property.
- **Curbside collection of solid waste (Sec. 13-31.d).** Each owner, agent, occupant, or lessee who subscribes with a public or private waste hauler for regular scheduled curbside collection of solid waste shall place said waste in durable, tight, nonabsorbent containers with tight fitting lids. Other material or refuse shall be either wrapped, boxed, or tied up in such a manner as to prevent blowing, spilling, scattering, or leaking of the litter and waste contained therein. Garbage shall not be placed on the curb before 6:00 p.m. the night before assigned regular scheduled service. All containers must be removed from the curb within twelve hours of collection.

Thank you for your help keeping Amherst County a Perfect Slice of Virginia! To view the full Amherst County Code visit: https://library.municode.com/va/amherst_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COCOAMVI

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