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Trash and Litter Ordinance Reminders

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors, Amherst County Sheriff's Office, and many other departments work hard to help keep the County of Amherst clean. They are committed to keeping Amherst a Perfect Slice of Virginia in 2023 and beyond. Citizens and businesses can help 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.

Receptacles required [\(Sec 14-35\):](#) Businesses are required to provide a public waste receptacle no smaller than twenty-four gallons outside of their business. Trash cans must be secured to prevent movement and vandalism and constructed to prevent litter from blowing out of the receptacle. Cans should be emptied frequently enough to prevent offensive odors and be designed to be visually appealing. Failure to place and maintain containers as required in the ordinance will result in a fine of \$50.00 a day for each day of violation.

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Transportation of waste [\(Sec. 13-30.b\)](#). A suitable covering must be used when transporting litter or solid waste in an open or uncovered vehicle. If any contents fall out, the person transporting is responsible for collecting the contents immediately.

Duty of owners and occupants [\(Sec 13-31.a\)](#). All owners and occupants are responsible for keeping their property free of litter.

Curbside collection of solid waste [\(Sec. 13-31.d\)](#). Owners and occupants who subscribe to a public or private waste hauler for curbside trash collection must use a durable, tight, nonabsorbent container to contain litter. Garbage should not be placed on the curb before 6:00 pm the night before pick up, and all containers must be removed from the curb within twelve hours of collection.

To view the full Amherst County Code, visit:

https://library.municode.com/va/amherst_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COCOAMVI