

REVISED MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM FEE

All regulated properties are responsible for paying the Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling Fee, which will be issued every January. The billing will incorporate the new fee structure which was adopted by the County Board on April 21, 2018.

The County Board approved changes to the fee structure to make it more equitable for regulated properties. The new fee structure establishes a range between \$16.25 and \$260, and takes into account factors such as business type, solid waste generation, number of employees, and number of dwelling units (for multi-family properties). Arlington businesses and multi-family properties are classified into 34 types as part of the new fee structure. It will result in a decrease to the program fee for more than 70 percent of the multi-family and commercial properties, with approximately 60 percent seeing their fee reduced by 1/2 or more.

The new fee structure is referenced in § 10-39 of Arlington County Code.

The Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling Fee (formerly known as the Recycling System Compliance Inspection Fee) was first adopted by the County Board on February 21, 2009 in order to support the County’s costs for administering the multi-family and commercial recycling program. It is a fee, not a fine or a penalty, and is paid by all regulated properties with Arlington County. The fee level was a flat \$66 for all regulated properties from its adoption through the County’s Fiscal Year 2018, which ended on June 30th, 2018.

Tables 1 and 2 below lay out the fee structure and the calculated program fee by business type.

Table 1. Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling Program Fee Schedule.

Office and Retail Tenants: 3-Year Inspection Cycle				
	Minimum	Moderate	High	
Number of Employees	1-10	11-99	100+	
Fee Multiplier	1X	2X	4X	
Fee/Year	\$16.25	\$32.50	\$65.00	
Multi-Family Property: Annual Inspection Cycle				
	Minimum	Moderate	High	Complex
Number of Units	1-10	11-75	76-200	200+
Fee Multiplier	2X	4X	8X	16X
Fee/ Year	\$32.50	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00
Other Commercial Properties: Annual or 3-Year Inspection Cycle				
	3-Year Inspection Cycle	Annual Minimum	Annual Moderate	Annual High
Fee Multiplier	2X	4X	8X	16X
Fee/ Year	\$32.50	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00

Table 2: Calculated Program Fee by Business Type.

Business Category	Inspection Cycle	Minimal	Moderate	High	Complex
Office and Retail Tenants: 3-Year Inspection Cycle					
Office Tenants	3-Year	\$16.25	\$32.50	\$65.00	
Retail: No Food	3-Year	\$16.25	\$32.50	\$65.00	
Multi-Family Properties: Annual Inspection Cycle					
Multi-Family	Annual	\$32.50	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00
Commercial Properties: Annual Inspection Cycle					
Assisted Living & Group Home	Annual	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00	
Grocery	Annual	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00	
Automobile: Gas Station	Annual	\$65.00			
Convenience Store	Annual	\$65.00			
Lodging	Annual	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$260.00	
Medical Hospital/Surgery	Annual			\$260.00	
Movie Theater/Theater Stage	Annual		\$130.00		
Place of Worship: Kitchen/ Serves Food	Annual	\$65.00			
Restaurant: Deli/Coffee Shop	Annual		\$130.00		
Restaurant: Fast Food	Annual			\$260.00	
Restaurant: Full Service	Annual		\$130.00		
Retail: Food	Annual			\$260.00	
School/College: Food	Annual			\$260.00	
Commercial Building or Mixed-Use Property that contains tenants	Annual			\$260.00	
Other: Serves Food	Annual			\$260.00	
Other Commercial Properties: 3-Year Inspection Cycle					
Automobile: Dealership	3-Year	\$32.50			
Automobile: Repair	3-Year	\$32.50			
Automobile: Sales	3-Year	\$32.50			
Bank	3-Year	\$32.50			
Daycare & Preschool	3-Year	\$32.50			
Dry Cleaners	3-Year	\$32.50			
Gym & Fitness	3-Year	\$32.50			
Laundry Mat	3-Year	\$32.50			
Medical Office	3-Year	\$32.50			

Business Category	Inspection Cycle	Minimal	Moderate	High	Complex
Place of Worship: No kitchen/No Food	3-Year	\$32.50			
Service Business	3-Year	\$32.50			
Salon/Barber/Spa	3-Year	\$32.50			
School/College: No Food	3-Year	\$32.50			
Storage Units	3-Year	\$32.50			
Vet/Kennel/ Dog School/ Grooming	3-Year	\$32.50			
Other: Non-Food Establishments	3-Year	\$32.50			