

Understanding Fairfax County's

Noise Ordinance



Fairfax County residents and businesses are reminded that they must comply with the county's Noise Ordinance and are encouraged to report any violations that directly affect them. The ordinance promotes an environment for county citizens that is free from noise that jeopardizes their health or welfare or degrades the quality of life. Under the Ordinance, the following acts are violations during the hours noted:

SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS

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| 1) Operating loud speakers & amplifiers (exterior of buildings) | 11 p.m.-7 a.m. |
| 2) Operating construction equipment (outdoors) | 9 p.m.-7 a.m. |
| 3) Operating construction equipment (outdoors)
on Sundays and federal holidays | 9 p.m.-9 a.m. |
| 4) Repairing vehicles or equipment (outdoors) | 9 p.m.-7 a.m. |
| 5) Operating powered model vehicles (outdoors) | 9 p.m.-7 a.m. |
| 6) Refuse collection in residential neighborhoods | 9 p.m.-6 a.m. |
| 7) Truck loading or unloading (outdoors) | 9 p.m.-6 a.m. |

TV, radio, musical instruments, and animals that howl, bark, meow, or squawk frequently and habitually are declared a noise disturbance any time when plainly audible across property lines or through partitions. To register a complaint, contact the county's Zoning Enforcement Branch during normal business hours, weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at 703-324-1300. During non-business hours, call the Public Safety non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.