



Right-of-Way (ROW) Sign Removal Program

What is it and how does it work?

- Fairfax County removes signs placed along roads designated in the Illegal Sign Removal Program. This includes signs for advertising, realtors, political campaigns, and more.
- The program covers ninety-nine (99) roads, most of which are major routes, like Richmond Highway. Removal of signs from other roads doesn't happen as part of the program.
- Our signs team drives the designated roads and documents all illegal signs. Unlike other issues we handle, we don't respond to complaints or concerns related to signs in the ROW, but please be assured roads are checked several times each month.
- We coordinate our inspection schedules with the contractor. The day after our inspection, the contractor will remove all signs. For a list of roads in the program, visit FairfaxCounty.gov and search "Illegal Signs."

What is "Right of Way?"

- ROW includes roadways, medians, sidewalks, and other areas owned and maintained by VDOT. This public space must be kept clear for transportation safety and road maintenance.
- The size of a ROW varies based on the type of road. A typical two-lane road can have a ROW width of 50 feet, while highways can be 300 feet wide.

Where can someone put signs?

- In general, businesses and individuals should avoid placing signs near or along roads. Signs on private property are regulated by the Zoning Ordinance.
- Avoid violations and learn what types of signs are allowed. Visit FairfaxCounty.gov and search "Sign Ordinance"



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This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2023) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.