

# COMMONWEALTH GREEN

## Street Furniture Guidelines

These Street Furniture Guidelines shall govern and direct the placement and design of outdoor furniture within the commercial and mixed use areas of the community. Street furniture accessorizes public space, and typically includes seating, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, mailboxes, flag poles, signs and banners.

1. The placement and design of any street furniture shall not encroach on any required clear zones, or sidewalks, nor shall it impact visibility along required sight lines.
2. Placement of street furniture shall provide a clear, regular and predictable pattern along the streetscape.
3. Furniture style, material and color should complement the surrounding architecture.
4. Seating Areas:
  - a. Seating areas should be considered at plazas, parks, landscaped and natural areas, and at viewing points and points of interest.
  - b. Seating areas should not obstruct building entrances and should not restrict movement along the streetscape.
  - c. Benches should have intermediate armrests for individual seating on the bench.
5. Bicycle Racks:
  - a. Bicycle racks should be placed at plazas and at, or near the entrances to major buildings for employees or visitors.
  - b. Bicycle racks should not obstruct building entrances and should not restrict movement along the streetscapes.
  - c. Bicycle racks should be constructed of material that can withstand hacksaws and hammers. They shall be securely anchored in concrete foundations or mechanically attached with fasteners that cannot be readily removed.
6. Trash Receptacles:
  - a. Trash receptacles should be visible and conveniently located in plazas, public gathering areas, and areas designated to hold public events.
  - b. Trash receptacles shall consist of an outer decorative shell and a removable impact resistant liner.
7. Sign Poles:
  - a. Sign poles, such as traffic management and advisory signs, should be of uniform size and form.
  - b. Anchorage of sign posts should be concealed.
  - c. All sign posts for traffic management shall adhere to standards and specifications set forth by VDOT and MUTCD.
8. Street furniture should be designed for long term use and shall be of a durable material and finish. All exposed metal should be coated or treated to withstand oxidation/corrosion, abrasion and damage from airborne salts.
9. Maintenance of street furniture will be conducted as necessary because of normal deterioration, misuse, or aesthetic degradation to keep the furniture items looking well kept. Items will be repaired or replaced.