Utilities, Transportation

Utilities

- **Electricity** - Supplied and distributed by Dominion Energy. The northern part of the county is serviced by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.
- **Water** - Supplied by the Town of Tappahannock (804-443-3336). Source: Principal aquifer. Average daily use is 350,000 gallons. Storage capacity: 575,000 gallons overhead. Other sources include individual deep wells and groundwater. Capacity doubled in 2000-2001
- **Sewerage** - Supplied by the Town of Tappahannock (804-443-3336), which has a separate storm sewerage system. The average daily use is 252,000 gallons and the maximum treatment capacity is 400,000 gallons per day - secondary treatment. Other sources: VCU Tappahannock Hospital operates a private system; individual septic tank systems service most residential needs.
- **Solid Waste Disposal** - Essex County is a member of the Virginia Peninsula's Public Service Authority. The Authority accepts non-hazardous waste.
- **Trash Pickups** - Weekly in Tappahannock (804-443-3336) for residents and for some businesses. Recycling pick-up day is Thursday. Contracted services are available through various businesses for county and other commercial accounts.
- **Trash Collection Sites** - Essex County operates four trash collection sites: Bray’s Fork on Route 17, just South of the Rt. 17 and Rt.360 intersection; Champlain on Rt. 17 North; Center Cross on Rt. 604, and the Essex Transfer Station on Poor House Road.
- Visit the [Trash and Recycling Centers page](ESPC.com/trash-and-recycling-centers) for more information
- **Recycling** - Weekly green bin curbside pick up at residence on Thursdays.

Transportation

- **Roads** - U.S. Routes 17 and 360. The Virginia Department of Transportation, resident engineer is located at Bowling Green (804-633-5091).
- **Airports** - Richmond International Airport (40 miles southwest) and Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (70 miles south) provide daily passenger and air freight services by major commercial airlines.
- The Tappahannock-Essex County Airport (804-443-5885), located at 1450 Aviation Road, 3 miles West of Tappahannock on Route 360 has a 4,300 foot paved runway and provides both fuel and maintenance. Hangers are available, call today to secure your space.
- **Waterways** - The Rappahannock River is navigable along Essex County and provides access to the port complex at Hampton Roads.
- **Motor Freight Carriers** - Richmond-area trucking firms serve Essex County.