



TOWN of
WAKE FOREST

RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO

Garbage, & Recycling Yard Waste Pickup



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for future reference

Garbage & Recycling

What's accepted as garbage:

Common non-hazardous household waste that cannot be recycled.

Trash must be bagged

Town ordinance requires that trash be bagged before being placed in the cart. This prevents flyaway litter as the cart is emptied into the truck.

What should NOT go in your garbage:

- yard waste
- tires
- wooden pallets



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS*:

- automobile fluids
- fluorescent lightbulbs
- batteries
- lighter fluid/kerosene
- paints/lacquers/polishes
- pesticides/herbicides

*Visit wakegov.com/recycling for drop-off locations of hazardous materials.



Waste Wizard

HELPING YOU SORT YOUR WASTE WISELY

The “Waste Wizard” is a handy online tool designed to help you sort your household waste properly.

Using the wizard, simply type in the name of an item (such as “wrapping paper”) and the wizard will tell you whether it should go in your recycling cart or garbage can. Some

items such as motor oil or fluorescent bulbs are not accepted in either cart and must be dropped off at a county facility. If in doubt, check with the wizard to determine if an item is considered hazardous and where the item can be taken for safe handling.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov and search “Waste Wizard.”



PET WASTE DISPOSAL

All animal waste must be bagged before it's placed in a rollout cart.



PLASTIC BOTTLES

North Carolina law requires that all plastic bottles be disposed of in the recycling cart.

Your Pickup Schedule

Garbage and recycling is collected **once a week.**

Please have carts at the curb by **7 a.m.** on the day of service but no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day prior to service. Please bring carts back in on the day of service.

SEE “MY SCHEDULE”

To see your collection schedule, including any changes due to holidays, visit **wakeforestnc.gov** and search for “sanitation.” Using the “My Schedule” function on the sanitation web page, enter your address to view your pickup schedule. You can also print a calendar and request weekly reminders by selecting email, phone or text notifications.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

During holiday weeks, your normal garbage and recycling collection day may change. Check “My Schedule” at **wakeforestnc.gov** to see the holiday collection schedule for your address. You may also call 919-435-9570.



PAINT DISPOSAL *To dispose of unwanted paint leave the paint can open to dry. Mix in play sand or kitty litter to help absorb the paint. Once the paint has dried it can then be discarded in your garbage cart.*



Can this go in my recycling cart?

- YES** Phone books
- YES** Green, brown and clear glass
- YES** Corrugated cardboard paperboard (cereal boxes, shoeboxes)
- YES** Plastics imprinted with one of these marks:



- YES** Juice boxes
- YES** Milk cartons and other gable-top paper cartons
- YES** Metal food cans
- YES** Aluminum cans
- YES** Aluminum foil (with no food residue)
- YES** Six-pack rings
- YES** Junk mail & catalogs
- NO** Batteries*
- NO** Electronic equipment*
- NO** Plastic bags
- NO** Styrofoam
- NO** Pizza boxes
- NO** Stamps and stickers in junk mail
- NO** Plastic bottles that contain oil or hazardous substances*

*Drop off at Wake County recycling facilities

Yard Waste

What's accepted:

Leaves, twigs, grass, limbs, hedge clippings, hay/pine straw, pine cones, small logs and other vegetative matter resulting from landscape maintenance **by homeowners only.**

How to package it:

Place yard waste in 45-gallon plastic bags or 35-gallon trash cans. Yard waste placed in carts or cans must be marked YW (yard waste) for service. Larger items can be placed in a pile **behind the curb**. Allow at least 4 feet of clearance from cars, mailboxes and trees.

What should NOT go in your yard waste:

- animal waste
- garbage
- mulch bags & plastic trays
- building materials
- fences & poles
- plants in pots
- dirt & rocks
- tree stumps
- logs greater than 10" diameter

Subdivisions with Alleys

Homeowners in neighborhoods with alleys should put their yard waste in front of their homes on the main street for service.



Loose Leaf Collection

Loose leaves are collected from the first Monday in October through the second Friday in March.

- Place leaves **behind the curb**, not in the street or gutter, where they obstruct traffic and drainage.
- Leaf piles should be placed **at least 8 feet away** from cars, mailboxes, trees and shrubs.
- Leaf piles must be free of sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs and debris. Your cooperation helps prevent mechanical breakdowns of our vacuum trucks.

Throughout the rest of the year

leaves must be bagged or placed in a trash container marked YW.

LEAF COLLECTION HOTLINE

Call **919-435-9582** to track daily progress of leaf collection crews.

LEAF MULCH AVAILABLE

Leaf mulch is available from October through March. Each delivery is approximately 20 cubic yards. To request a free mulch delivery, call 919-435-9570.

Your Pickup Schedule

Yard waste is collected **once a week**. Please have yard waste behind the curb by **7 a.m.** on the day of service.

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Townhome Communities

If you live in a townhome community that provides yard maintenance, you do not qualify for yard waste pickup.



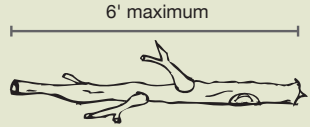
Any yard waste pruned or cut by a contractor shall be the responsibility of the contractor to remove from the property.

Cut it to size

BRANCHES

1" - 4" diameter:

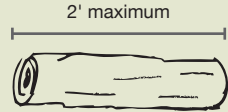
Must be cut to 6' length or less



BRANCHES & LOGS

4" - 10" diameter:

Must be cut to 2' length or less



10" diameter or more:

Not accepted

Weekly limits on yard waste

- 10 bags (45-gallon) or 8 cans (35-gallon) total per week
- Weight of each bag or can should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Loose yard waste must not exceed **four cubic yards per week**
- Logs must not exceed 75 lbs. total per week

Yard waste will not be collected from vacant lots, unoccupied properties or commercial property.

Bulk Waste

What's accepted:

Refuse weighing in excess of 75 lbs. such as furniture, lawn mowers, swings, book shelves, appliances, moving boxes and packing materials.

Subject to the availability of equipment and to the provisions of the Town's bulk waste collection policy, the maximum quantity of bulk waste which will be collected is not regulated.

Schedule a pickup:

Bulk waste is collected **on Tuesdays** by appointment only.

Contact Public Works before 2 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pickup.

**919-435-9570 | Betty Pearce
bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov**

What cannot be picked up by the Town:

- electronics
- liquid paint
- batteries
- gasoline, oil and tires
- hazardous material
- wooden pallets
- construction material
- move outs/evictions
- clean-outs

Visit Wake County Recycling & Waste Disposal at wakegov.com/recycling to see a listing of drop-off locations for items that cannot be collected by the Town.

North Wake Multi-Material Recycling Facility
9029 Deponie Dr., Raleigh
919-870-4006



Create Compost

WITH YOUR YARD & KITCHEN WASTE

Compost is created by mixing yard

debris (grass cuttings and fallen leaves) and kitchen scraps (fruit and vegetable spoils). With a properly maintained bin or pile, you can easily convert waste products into a valuable soil additive.

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

- Reduces your garbage output by as much as 30%
- Creates a rich (and free) soil conditioner for your garden
- Improves the water holding capability of soil reducing the need for watering



REGARDING YOUR

Rollout Cart

How to position your carts correctly

- Carts should be placed at the curb at the address being serviced
- Arrows face out to the street
- Leave four feet of space between the carts so that the truck's "arm" can grip the cart
- Carts should be at least four feet away from power poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, trees and cars

Bag your garbage before dropping it in the cart

Town ordinance requires that trash be bagged before being placed in the cart. Customers are responsible for keeping their carts clean. Public Works recommends LA's Totally Awesome® all-purpose cleaner to remove stuck on items and odors.

Additional carts & cart repairs

Each address is assigned one garbage cart and one recycling cart. Residents may request additional rollout carts or repairs (if the lid or wheels are missing or broken) by contacting bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9570. Annual charges apply for additional carts.

When you move, the carts stay

The carts belong to the Town of Wake Forest. If you move, please leave your carts in your garage or behind your home.

Contact Us

Town of Wake Forest Public Works Department

919-435-9570

bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov

wakeforestnc.gov,
search "sanitation"

Wake County Recycling & Waste Disposal

wakegov.com/recycling



NEW RESIDENTS

New residents do not need to apply for sanitation service. Instead, contact Public Works at 919-435-9570 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov to request your carts.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for the Town's free email subscription service at wakeforestnc.gov, search for "e-notifier."



The Town of Wake Forest strives to provide quality residential sanitation service, including weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and bulk pick-up. The information in this guide is provided to help ensure you receive the best service possible and to inform you about additional information resources available on the Town's website. **If you choose not to keep this guide, please recycle it. Thank you.**



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