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### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – December 13, 2011** – The Wake Forest Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Dec. 27, for the Christmas holiday. Police and bus services will not be interrupted, but the Town’s sanitation schedule will be affected.

The collection of garbage and recycling for the week of Dec. 26 will change as follows:

<b>Normal Collection Day</b>	<b>Holiday Pick-up Schedule</b>
Monday	Tuesday, Dec. 27
Tuesday	Wednesday, Dec. 28
Wednesday	Thursday, Dec. 29
Thursday	Friday, Dec. 30
Friday	Saturday, Dec. 31

During the week of Dec. 26, yard waste normally picked up on Monday and Tuesday will be collected Wednesday through Friday. The Town will follow its normal collection cycle by completing each route before starting on the next. In order to ensure that all neighborhoods are serviced properly, Wake Forest residents are urged to leave their normal yard waste and loose leaves in separate piles at the curb by 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. As always, please avoid placing items on or near mailboxes, utility boxes, utility poles, or other fixed objects.

Due to the huge volume of leaves and recurring equipment issues, loose leaf collection continues to run behind schedule. For updates concerning when collection crews will be in your area, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks\\_leafcollection.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_leafcollection.aspx) or call (919) 435-9575.

Bulk pickups will be scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 28. To schedule a bulk pickup, call (919) 435-9570 by 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. Residents who call after hours may leave a

voicemail message that includes their name and physical address. Residents may also request a bulk pickup by emailing [bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov).

Town offices will re-open Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 8 a.m.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 28, Wake Forest will collect and recycle old Christmas trees from residential homes according to the normal yard waste collection schedule. The trees will be ground into mulch, which will be available for free to residents upon request. Orders for mulch are currently being accepted at (919) 435-9570.

All Wake Forest residents whose yard waste is collected by the Town may participate in the "Treecycling" program. To recycle your Christmas tree, please remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from the tree and set it behind the curb for collection. Artificial trees cannot be recycled.

For more information, contact Betty Pearce at (919) 435-9570 or [bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov) or visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks\\_sanitation.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_sanitation.aspx).

To view the Town of Wake Forest's annual Holiday Schedule, including information concerning holiday-related changes to the Town's operations schedule, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx).

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