TOWN *of* WAKE FOREST

RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO

Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Pick-Up

Save this booklet for future reference.

Garbage & Recycling

What's accepted as garbage:

Common non-hazardous household waste that cannot be recycled

FOUR FEET of space is required between the two carts so that the truck's arm mechanism can grasp the cart.

What should NOT go in your garbage:

plastic bottles (it's the law!)
other recyclable material

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:
automobile fluids
flourescent lightbulbs
batteries
lighter fluid/kerosene
paints/lacquers/polishes
pesticides/herbicides

Contact Wake County Recycling & Waste Disposal for drop-off locations of hazardous materials.

REGARDING YOUR

Rollout Cart

How to position your carts correctly at the curb:

- arrows face out to the street
- carts should be away from light poles, mailboxes and fire hydrants
- leave four feet of space between the carts so that the arm mechanisms of the collection truck can reach the cart

Bag your garbage before dropping it in the cart.

This will help keep your cart smelling fresh. It also prevents flyaway litter as the cart is emptied into the truck.

"Another cart, please."

Each address is assigned one garbage cart and one recycling cart. Extra rollout carts can be requested by calling (919) 435-9570. The annual charge for each additional cart is:

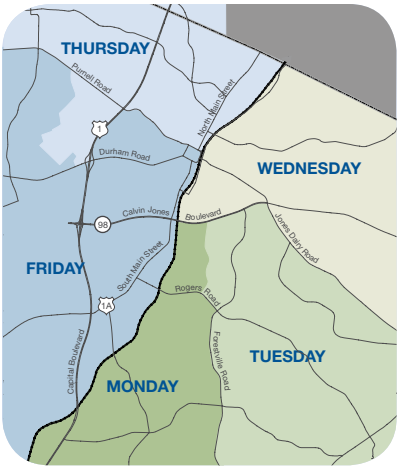
Garbage Cart $122.40/yr
Recycling Cart.....$39.90/yr

When you move, the carts stay.

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

Your pick-up schedule

Garbage and recycling is collected **once a week**. Please have carts at your curb by **7 a.m.** Your weekly pick-up day is indicated on the map below.



Garbage & Recycling Collection Routes

Holiday Schedule

During holiday weeks, your normal garbage and recycling collection day may change. For updated schedules, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx** or call (919) 435-9570.

Questions about garbage and recycling?

CALL

Town of Wake Forest
Public Works Dept. .....(919) 435-9570

VISIT

www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_sanitation.aspx

Can this go in my recycling cart?

YES	Newspaper
YES	White paper
YES	Green, brown and clear glass
YES	Corrugated cardboard paperboard (cereal boxes, shoeboxes)
YES	Plastic bottles
YES	Juice boxes
YES	Milk cartons and other gable-top paper cartons
YES	Metal food cans
YES	Aluminum beverage cans
YES	Aluminum foil (with no food residue)
YES	Six-pack rings
YES	Magazines
YES	Junk mail & catalogs
NO	Batteries*
NO	Electronic equipment*

*Drop off at Wake County recycling facilities

Phone book recycling

Phone books can be recycled but please don't put them in your cart. Instead, drop them off at:

Town of Wake Forest
Operations Center
234 Friendship Chapel Rd.
24-hour drop-off

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.**

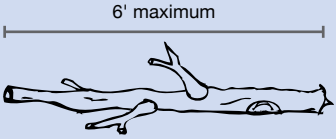
How to package it:

Place yard waste in 45-gallon plastic bags or 35-gallon trash cans marked YW (yard waste). Larger items can be placed in a pile **behind the curb**.

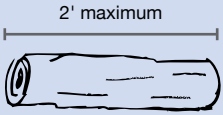
What should NOT go in your yard waste:

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

Cut it to size



Diameter of 1" - 4"—must be no longer than 6 feet.



Diameter of 4" - 10"—must be no longer than 2 feet each. Logs greater than 10" diameter cannot be 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

Special pick-up for larger quaniti-ties can be pre-arranged by calling Public Works and will be billed by the most current pricing for disposal.

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

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

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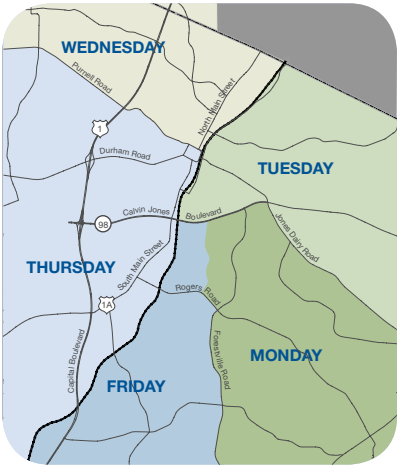

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Loose Leaf Collection

Loose leaves are collected with a "vacuum" truck from
October 1 - March 15

Loose leaves must be piled behind the curb, not in the gutter where they obstruct drainage.

Leaf piles must be free of limbs, trash and debris.

Throughout the rest of the year (March 16 thru Sept. 31) leaves will be collected but they must be bagged or placed in a trash container.

Leaf mulch and wood chips available

Contact Public Works at (919) 435-9570. Please note: each delivery is about 20 cubic yards.

Bulk Waste

What's accepted:

Refuse weighing in excess of 75 lbs. each such as furniture, lawn mowers, swings, book shelves and appliances that will not fit in the rollout cart.

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 regulated.

What cannot be picked up by the Town:

liquid paint
batteries
gasoline, oil and tires
hazardous material
wooden pallets
construction material

Visit Wake County Recycling & Waste Disposal for drop-off locations.

Schedule a pick-up:

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

Contact Public Works before 2 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pick-up.

(919) 435-9570
Betty Pearce
bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov

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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.

The Town of Wake Forest offers the Earth Machine compost bin to area residents for $45.

To order, call (919) 435-9570 or visit **www.wakeforestnc.compostbins.aspx.**

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

Sanitation Billing

Residential sanitation service is paid for by tax revenues.

In June 2008, the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners voted to add four cents to the property tax rate for the purpose of replacing the monthly residential garbage and recycling fee. In July 2008, Wake Forest began treating residential garbage and recycling service the same way as fire and police service—as part of your annual property tax bill.

The measure creates an annual cost savings for over 95% of the Town's sanitation customers. If your home is valued at less than $501,590, then you will enjoy an annual cost savings of as much as $130 per year.

NORTH CAROLINA LAW requires that all plastic bottles be disposed of in the recycling cart.

Important Contacts

Town of Wake Forest
Public Works Department.....(919) 435-9570

Town of Wake Forest website ..... www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_sanitation.aspx

Wake County
Recycling & Waste Disposal..... www.wakegov.com/recycling

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.**

CONTAINS 10%
POST CONSUMER WASTE

TOWN *of* WAKE FOREST

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Public Works Department
234 Friendship Chapel Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

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