

ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Orange County manages the collection of recyclables, food scraps, household hazardous waste, & other items such as electronics. For information on these programs, please contact:

Orange County Solid Waste Admin. Office
Eubanks Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Phone: (919) 968-2885

Email: recycling@co.orange.nc.us.
Website: orangecountync.gov/795/solid-waste-management

Recycling

Recycling bins are available at Orange County Solid Waste Admin. Office.

Acceptable items: Aerosol spray cans (empty); aluminum foil & trays; cardboard (boxboard/single layer & corrugated); drink cartons; glass bottles & jars; metal cans; mixed paper; phonebooks; plastics bottles, jugs, & jars; & plastic tubs, cups, & buckets (#2, #4 & #5).

Unacceptable Items: Household garbage, food, plastic bags & styrofoam.

Food Scraps

Residents have two options to manage their food scraps & food related paper products such as paper plates and napkins.

1. Food Scrap Drop-Off: Drop-off at Walnut Grove Church Rd. Waste & Recycling Center, Eubanks Rd. Waste & Recycling Center, or Carrboro's Farmers Market (Sat. 7am– 12pm).

2. Compost at Home: Make your own nutrient-rich compost using brown leaves and fruit & vegetable scraps. Earth Machine backyard compost bins are available for \$50 at Orange County Solid Waste Admin. Office.



Ways to Reduce Waste

According to the EPA, "The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy: raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated and then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment, and save money." To help reduce waste:

1. Donate. Consider donating good useable items to your local charity or thrift store. Reusable furniture (non-upholstered) and housewares in good condition may also be brought to Orange County Solid Waste Management Salvage Sheds located at the following Waste & Recycling Centers:

- Eubanks Rd., Chapel Hill
- Ferguson Rd., Chapel Hill
- High Rock Rd., Efland
- Walnut Grove Church Rd., Hillsborough

2. Buy used. You can find everything from clothes to building materials at specialized reuse centers and consignment shops. Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new.

3. Look for products that use less packaging. When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. This reduces waste and costs. These savings can be passed on to the consumer. Buying in bulk, for example, can reduce packaging and save money.

4. Buy reusable over disposable items. Look for items that can be reused; the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work, rather than using disposable items.

5. Maintain and repair products. Such as clothing, tires, and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.

6. Borrow, rent, or share items. This is great for items that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools, or furniture.



RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE BROCHURE

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Household Garbage



All household trash must be placed in a Town-issued, 95-gallon, water-tight mobile trash container. See below "Roll-out Containers."

Collection Guidelines:

- Containers shall be placed adjacent to the street by 7:30 am on collection day (but not before dark on day prior to collection) and removed from the pick-up point by 6:00 am the following day.
- All household trash must be placed inside the container.
- Place container at the street with the lid opening toward the street.
- Allow 3-5 feet of clearance between your container and any other item including the recycle container.

Unacceptable Items:

- Aluminum cans
- Automobile tires
- Computer equip.
- Construction debris
- Cardboard
- Dead animals
- Dirt, sod, rock, or concrete
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Hazardous/toxic materials
- Lead-acid batteries
- Oyster shells
- Thermostats
- TVs
- Used motor oil & filters
- Wooden pallets
- Yard waste

Roll-out Containers:

Household garbage and yard waste roll-out containers may be purchased at Carrboro Town Hall or visit Public Works website to print a Roll-out Container Order Form.

Holiday Collection Schedule:

Household garbage, yard waste, and bulk waste are not collected on the following holidays:

- New Years Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Good Friday
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving & day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & day after Christmas

Yard Waste

Yard waste (branches, grass, leaves, shrubbery, trimmings, and weeds) may either be placed in 95-gallon water-tight roll-out yard waste container or raked in a pile curbside for collection. **No plastic or paper bags are allowed.** Yard waste containers may be purchased at Carrboro Town Hall.

Collection Guidelines:

- Limbs must not exceed 3' long and 4" in diameter.
- Yard waste must be free of all debris. **No dirt, sod, rock, or concrete.**

In Roll-out Containers:

- Filled roll-out containers (other than Town roll-out containers) must not weigh more than 50 lbs.
- Place container at the street with the lid opening toward the street.
- Allow 3 - 5 feet of clearance between your container and any other item.

In Pile Curbside:

- Yard waste piles should be long and narrow and placed as close to the curb as possible (within 10 feet).
- **Do not place yard waste in drainage ditch, sidewalk, bike lane, or in street.**
- Large piles (about a small pick up truck load) will have a fee assessed. Please call Public Works for more information.



Yard Waste Collection Schedule:

Yard waste is collected on Monday. Residents from Hillsborough Rd., Greensboro St., Hanna St., and points south will have yard waste collection on 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. All points north of Hillsborough Rd., Greensboro St., and Hanna St. will have yard waste collection on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. If a month has 5 Mondays, there will be no yard waste pickup on the 5th Monday. Yard waste collection may be cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather.

There will be no yard waste collection during the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bulk Waste

A collection service is provided for bulky items such as furniture and appliances.



Collection Guidelines:

Items collected FREE of charge:

The following items should be placed curbside on your trash collection day.

- Clean metal (bicycles, etc.)
- Computer monitors & TVs (less than 19")
- Wooden furniture & large items: chairs, tables, lawn furniture, grills, microwave ovens, and push mowers.
- Paint cans: should be opened and the paint allowed to dry. With the lid removed and contents completely dry, paint cans may be placed curbside.

Please notify the Solid Waste Supervisor at (919) 918-7433 about these items so they can be collected in a timely manner.

Items collected for a fee:

- Appliances: 3 or less \$16 (\$4/additional appliance)
- Couches/Sofas/Loveseats: \$7 (\$5/additional piece)
- Mattresses/Box Springs: 1 - 2 pieces \$7; 3 - 4 pieces \$14; etc.
- Televisions larger than 19 inches: \$6 (\$4/additional television)

Items will be collected curbside within 2 business days of receipt of payment at Town Hall. Please pay before placing at curb. You do not need to notify Public Works that payment has been made.

Unacceptable Items:

- Building/remodeling items
- Batteries (any type)
- Hazardous materials (of any type)
- Vehicle parts