

Solid Waste & Recycle Guides

Your garbage collection day is _____

Your recycle collection day is bi-weekly _____

You are a **Red /Blue** Week

Included in this package are:

- **Welcome to Burlington information insert**
- **Recycle Calendar; Holiday Modification Schedule for Garbage & Recycle**

You will want to keep this information for future reference.

For proper service familiarize yourself with the City's guidelines for Sanitation and recycle services. All garbage, recycling, leaf collection and holiday schedules are advertised through media announcements and on the City's website.

If you have any questions, please call the Sanitation Division 336-222-5111 or visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

The city provides one 95-gallon garbage and one 95-gallon recycle cart to residents. These carts are City of Burlington property which contains a serial number and must stay at the assigned residence. City ordinance requires all cart(s) must be placed at the curb by 7:00am and removed by 7:00pm. **All household garbage/ recyclables must be placed inside the cart**; any loose materials that are placed outside of your cart(s) will not be picked up. To request a garbage cart or to report a stolen cart, call Sanitation Division at 336-222-5111. Additional cart may be requested.

- Residents can keep their carts clean by washing with mild soap and water. Doing this regularly should reduce odor and insect issues.



To be properly serviced, your cart must:

- Be at least 5 ft away from other objects or any other containers.
- Be placed away from vehicle(s)/ mailbox/etc.
- Be placed at the curb with the handle pointing toward the house (this allows the arms on the automated truck to grasp the container properly).
- Not placed under low hanging wires/ tree limbs/etc.

Items **NOT** to be placed in carts

- Yard Waste (brush, grass, leaves, pine needles etc.), recyclables, wood, building materials, contractors waste, dirt, masonry, rock, metal, liquid paint, fluorescent light tubes/bulbs, hazardous waste, batteries, tires and automobile parts.

YARD WASTE

The Sanitation Division provides yard waste collection on the same day as garbage. Yard Waste must be at the curbside by 7:00 AM on collection day.

- Residents may bag, stack or containerize their yard waste. If containers are used, they are to be provided by the resident and must not exceed 32 gallons in capacity and or/50 pounds in weight
- If bags are used, only **CLEAR BAGS** will be serviced. The garbage or recycle carts are not to be used for yard waste.
- Loose tree limbs collected by yard waste crews should not exceed 4 ft. in length or 6 inches in diameter. Limbs exceeding these dimensions must be serviced by a different truck.

BULK ITEMS

The Sanitation Division provides bulk waste on a convenience service (Tree limbs, shrub trimmings, large volumes of yard waste and junk)

- Tree limbs may not exceed 6 ft. in length and 6 inches in diameter.
- Limbs must be stacked in a neat pile with no overhead obstruction, away from fire hydrants and mailboxes.
- Metal, appliances (refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, ranges, water heaters) must be properly separated
- Bulk junk must be properly separated.
- Bulk junk items cannot be mixed with limbs and or/brush. If bags are used, only **CLEAR BAGS** will be serviced.

Note: Bulk items are chargeable and added in your water bill.

Items **NOT** collected by the City:

- No tree trimmings from commercial contractors
- Stumps, logs, dirt, fire wood, rocks, concrete, wood pallets
- No building materials or refuse from commercial bldg. operations or landscape work
- No remodeling materials or contractors waste from residential (wood or masonry)
- Tires, batteries, automobile parts
- Electronic waste
- Fluorescent lights/bulbs
- Sealed containers, liquids, chemicals, hazardous waste, paints

Note: Some of these items can be disposed of at the Alamance County Landfill. Contact them at 336-376-8902 or visit www.alamance-nc.com/landfill



RECYCLING

The City of Burlington contracts with Waste Industries for the bi-weekly collection of recyclables. If you have any questions about your recycling services, call Waste Industries at **336-229-0525** or visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle.

Place your green recycling cart at the curb by 7:00am and remove by 7:00pm. **All recyclables must be placed inside the cart**; Any loose materials that are placed outside of cart will not be picked up. To request a recycling cart or to report a stolen cart, call the City of Burlington Sanitation Division at 336-222-5111. Additional cart may be requested.

- Residents can keep their cart clean by washing with mild soap and water. Doing this regularly should reduce odor and insect issues.

Items that can be collected for Recycle:

- Paper (newspaper, office paper, cereal/food boxes, magazines, phone books, junk mail, etc.)
- Cardboard (any corrugated boxes completely flattened to fit in the recycling cart)
- Plastics (drink bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, food tubs and detergent bottles.(must be emptied and rinsed)
- Aluminum and Metal Cans (emptied and rinsed and tins cans tops must be removed)
- Glass Bottles and Jars (any color emptied and rinsed)

Items **NOT** collected for Recycling:

- Garbage
- Yard Waste
- Shredded paper
- Needles or medical waste
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Bubble wrap
- Household/Electronic waste
- Plastic toys or clothing
- Fluorescent lights/bulbs
- Construction material
- Hazardous waste, paint
- Scrap metal, pots/pans, pie tins, glass dishes
- Oil/coolant jugs

What do I do with items I can't place in my recycle cart?

- **Needles:** Place in a plastic container and secure the lid with heavy duty tape, then place in garbage cart for pick-up.
- **Plastic bags:** Return to grocery store or place in your garbage cart.
- **E-Waste:** The City hosts (3) drop-off events for e-waste disposal. Visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste for scheduled dates.
- **Fluorescent lights/bulbs:** Bulbs must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Events held by the Alamance Co. Landfill twice a year. CFL (curly bulbs) must be returned to home improvement stores. Older-type traditional bulbs may be placed in regular garbage.
- **Paint & Pesticides:** Alamance Co. Landfill host (2) events each year. Call 336-376-8902 or Visit www.alamance-nc.com/landfill/

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Alamance County Landfill does not accept household hazardous waste (HHW); however, they do hold collection events. HHW includes Items as antifreeze, brake fluid, car batteries, gas, cleaners, liquid paints, poisons, pesticides, solvents, transmission fluid, weed killer, and etc. **These items should not be placed in your weekly garbage cart.** Dried paint cans may be disposed of in your regular garbage. **Lids must be off and paint must be dried.**

E-WASTE (ELECTRONICS)

The City schedules three (3) E-waste collection events. It is a drive thru drop-off, located at 234 E Summit Ave. at the Public Works parking lot.

E-Waste includes:

- TV's
- Computers, Monitors, Printers
- Cell Phones, Answering machines,
- Microwaves

Please refer to www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste for additional electronic recycling resources