

## Sanitation Division

*DeKalb's integrated approach to recycling and solid waste management*

### Mission

To provide an efficient, cost-effective and sustainable integrated solid waste management program through garbage, recyclable materials and yard trimmings collection, processing and disposal services for residents and businesses in unincorporated DeKalb County, and the cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody, Lithonia and Tucker, with a sustained focus on customer service excellence.

### A Move Toward More Efficient Service Operations

Effective July 6, 2015, the division began the consolidation of sanitation collection schedules aimed at improving service delivery and efficiency through simplified scheduling and once-a-week garbage, recycling and yard trimmings collection for all single-family residential households in its service area. This approach has been instrumental in streamlining sanitation collection processes, and has been a critical component of the division's quest to provide an integrated and sustainable business operations model. This model reflects the division's new approach to how sanitation collection service is provided to its more than 170,000 customers.

### A Look Ahead

The DeKalb County Sanitation Division is prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-increasing customer base, and the need for advancing the county's environmental stewardship efforts. In light of this, the Sanitation Division continually seeks to improve its business operations model through the recruitment of dedicated employees whose goals, vision and mission align with the division's; make enhancements to collection, processing and disposal equipment and procedures that align with industry standards; and continually identify ways to provide the highest levels of service through the employment of standard operating procedures that are consistent with the division's approved business model.

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### Landfill fees

Solid waste and yard trimmings can be disposed at the landfill for a fee of \$16.50 for the first 999 lbs. and \$33.00 per ton; appliances for a \$ 5.00 fee; and appliances with Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.) for a \$16.50 fee.

## YARD TRIMMINGS

All yard trimmings must be properly prepared for collection. Yard trimmings must be placed in approved 20- to 40-gallon receptacles, or bundled and tied, and placed at the curb without blocking mailboxes, utilities, driveways, sidewalks, drainage systems or roadways before 7 a.m. on your scheduled yard trimmings collection day.

### ACCEPTABLE RECEPTACLES

- Durable metal with two durable handles (20-40 gallons)
- Durable plastic with two durable handles (20-40 gallons)
- Durable biodegradable paper bags (no plastic bags)

### COLLECTION PROCEDURES

- Biodegradable bags must be folded at the top to minimize rain deterioration
- Branches and limbs must be trimmed of twigs, vines and leaves
- Twigs, vines and leaves must be placed in an approved receptacle, or bundled and tied
- Limbs must not exceed four feet in length
- Limb trimmings must be stacked neatly at the curb
- Tree parts (each piece) must not exceed 50 lbs.

Large piles of yard trimmings or tree limbs not meeting the above guidelines can be scheduled for special collection with appropriate prepayment fees. See Special Collection Procedures online.

### PROPER PROCEDURE



### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ( FEE APPLIES )



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## RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROCEDURES



## DEKALB COUNTY SANITATION

## BULK WASTE

Bulky items include all large trash items that cannot fit in your trash can. All bulky items are collected by special collection vehicles and are included in the residential annual assessment fees.

These items must be placed neatly at the curb without blocking mailboxes, driveways, sidewalks, drainage systems, roadways and utilities. Residents are required to report bulky items via telephone at (404) 294-2900 or email at [sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov) as soon as the items are placed properly at the curb for collection.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Furniture and other large items such as:

- Chairs and tables
- Couches, loveseats and futons
- Mattresses and box springs
- Lawn furniture and lawn mowers (gas and oil must be removed prior to placing at the curb)
- Grills (NO PROPANE TANKS)
- Microwave ovens
- Toys, etc.
- Bicycles
- Playground equipment
- Hand-held tools and accessories
- Toilets

### WHITE GOODS

- Stoves and water heaters
- Refrigerators and freezers (contents and doors/lids must be secured or removed on all items prior to placing at the curb)



### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (FEE REQUIRED)

- Dead domestic animals
- Automobile tires (maximum of four - no commercial tires)
- Prepaid **Authorization Form needed** for all construction, demolition and remodeling materials, including carpet, fencing, decking, etc. (roll off containers available)
- For other material not identified, see details online

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Batteries: large-sized alkaline batteries and wet cell/lead acid batteries such as the kind found in cars, trucks and boats
- Hazardous materials OF ANY KIND
- Waste in nonstandard county-provided container

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Recycling reduces landfill space. DeKalb's Curbside Recycling Program is a voluntary program available to residents who receive solid waste collection services from DeKalb's Sanitation Division. This subscription-based program comprises single-stream and yard trimmings recycling.

To subscribe to the program, please submit an application via mail, email or in person. Upon receipt of your application, your 18-gallon recycling bin and box of bags will be delivered to your residence as soon as possible. Additional recycling bags are available at a prepaid cost of \$15 per box of 100 bags. Please consider the 65-gallon recycling roll cart option for a one-time \$15 prepaid fee in lieu of purchasing additional recycling bags. You may remit your payment by mail to: DeKalb County Public Works Department, Sanitation Division, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, OR online: [www.yourdekalb.com](http://www.yourdekalb.com); click "Online Payment;" click "Pay Sanitation Residential Recycling;" enter your account number and payment amount; click "Submit." An online processing fee will apply.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Newspapers, magazines, phone books and catalogs
- Small and large cardboard boxes (flattened); not packaging materials
- Cereal and pantry item paper boxes
- All types of paper, including copy and wrapping paper
- Polystyrene cups and to go trays
- Frozen food containers (remove food liners and foil)
- Tissue and paper towel cylinder cores
- (no tissue or paper towels)
- Coated paper inserts
- Books, circulars, brochures, manila folders
- Envelopes, junk mail, shredded paper (must be bagged and tied prior to placing at curb)
- PETE, NPDE, PV, LDPE, PP, PS and plastics 1-7 that held food and beverage
- All glass beverage bottles
- All steel, tin and aluminum cans

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Paper towels, tissue, paper plates and cups
- Waxed paper, cellophane paper and plastic wrap
- Aluminum and tin foil
- Foam rubber material and packing material
- Plastic grocery and department store bags
- Dry cleaning bags; paper slips
- Cereal box liners, frozen food liners and foil
- Ceramic and aerosol containers
- Pane glass windows and mirrors
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Plastic and metal containers
- Petroleum and oil
- String, twine and strapping material



## HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Every household in unincorporated DeKalb County and the cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody and Lithonia, is provided with a 65-gallon roll cart for garbage collection. All household garbage must be placed in secured plastic bags prior to placement in the roll cart. Any overflow (excess) garbage must be placed in durable plastic bags and tied securely. The roll cart and plastic bags placed beside the cart, along with any recyclable materials and yard trimmings, must be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Roll carts must be removed curbside by 7 p.m. on your scheduled collection day, or according to your city code or Homeowners Association (HOA) covenant, if applicable.

**Household garbage placed in containers or carts not provided by the DeKalb County Sanitation Division will not be serviced.**



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS (SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN ROLL CART)

- Dirt, rocks, sod, concrete, hot ashes
- Toxic waste and liquid waste
- Motor oil and filters
- Building materials
- Wet cell batteries
- Construction debris (remodeling)
- Sinks and bathtubs
- Dead animals
- Yard trimmings
- Large appliances and furniture
- Playground equipment
- Automobile tires
- Wood and metal fences
- Decking or certain types of other materials not identified, see the Bulk Waste category
- Loose trash

**Proper disposal warning for sharp objects, razor blades, lancets, needles and broken glass**

These items can puncture a plastic bag and cause injury to the refuse collector. Please place these items in a taped detergent container, with the words "do not recycle."