



Keep DeKalb Beautiful's (KDB's) mission ...

To connect people and businesses with resources that promote sustainability, focusing on litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification. This is accomplished by providing education, recycling opportunities and cleanup materials to communities throughout DeKalb County. Every year, we work with community-based groups to create clean and more vibrant communities.

KDB comprises three areas ...

Litter patrol
Mowing and herbicide
Community education and outreach

Annual programming includes ...

Bring One for the Chipper (curbside recycling of Christmas trees), our **Semiannual Household Hazardous Waste** event (collection of household chemicals, batteries and paint), **electronics recycling**, **paper shredding** events, **community cleanup initiatives** and **beautification projects**. In addition, KDB oversees mowing of the right of way and litter removal.

Ideas are welcome ...

If you have an idea on how to beautify your community, would like to request cleanup supplies, have a road in your area in need of cleaning or mowing, or to learn more about Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB), please contact us at 404.371.2654 or kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov, or visit www.keepdekalbbeautiful.org.

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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 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)



DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SANITATION DIVISION



3720 Leroy Scott Drive
Decatur, GA 30032
Phone: (404) 294-2900
Email: sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov
Website: www.dekalbsanitation.com



RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROCEDURES

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 encouraged to report bulky items via telephone at (404) 294-2900 or email at 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 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. 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; 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 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 (TO BE COLLECTED IN CONTAINERS)

- 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

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."