

LEARN MORE ABOUT DEKALB COUNTY'S

Residential Single-stream Recycling Program
Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Program
Community Cleanups and Anti-litter Campaign

COLLECTIVELY, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





More than half the solid waste going to our county-owned Seminole Road Landfill is residential waste that could have been recycled. Recycling helps create green jobs, control rising sanitation costs, and decrease the amount of solid waste going to the Seminole Road Landfill, extending the Landfill's useful life.

We offer a subscription-based residential single-stream recycling program at no additional cost to residents. The single-stream feature allows for recyclable items to be commingled, and loosely placed in a county-provided recycling container.



New or existing customers can subscribe to the residential single-stream recycling program via the following options:

New Recycling Subscriber

Complimentary 35-gallon roll cart or 65-gallon roll cart upgrade (\$15 prepaid roll cart fee)

Existing Recycling Subscriber

Complimentary 35-gallon roll cart OR 65-gallon roll cart upgrade (\$15 prepaid roll cart fee)

Online by visiting www.dekalbsanitation.com and clicking on the Join Recycling Program info graphic on the homepage.

USPS mail - complete a **recycling paper application** and mail to the Sanitation Division's administration building, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

Secure drop box - complete a **recycling paper application** and drop it off to a secure drop box located at the front entrance to the Sanitation Division's administration building, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

In person - by visiting the Sanitation Division's administrative building, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

Join over 125,000 households currently subscribed to the program, which represents over 60 percent of households within the Sanitation Division's service area.



FOG - DEKALB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT



What are fats, oils and grease (FOG)?

FOG is composed of the animal and vegetable fats and oils that are used to cook and prepare food.



Where does FOG come from?

- Baking goods
- Food scraps
- Meat fat
- Dairy products
- Butter and margarine

- Sauces
- Cooking oil
- Lard
- Shortening

What happens when FOG is not properly disposed of?

FOG should be properly disposed of or recycled. It enters the plumbing system through home garbage disposals, kitchen sinks and toilets, coats the interior of pipes, and empties into the county's sewer system. Sewage overflows are caused by excessive accumulation of FOG in the sewer system, which can result in backups into homes and businesses. These repairs can increase costs for water and sewer services.



Best practices for proper disposal of FOG

Pour cooled fats, oils or grease into a sealable container and throw it in the trash. Do not pour down the sink or toilet.

Scrape plates and cookware before washing. Do not throw scraps of any kind down the sink. Instead, place them in waste containers or garbage bags.

Wipe excess grease from all plates, pots, pans, utensils and surfaces with a paper towel before washing. Throw the greasy paper towels away.

Decomposed grease and other organic materials at the county-owned Seminole Road Landfill are used in the waste-to-energy conversion process at the Landfill's Green Energy facility. This energy source is used to generate electricity that is sold to Georgia Power, and used to provide electrical power to several thousand homes.

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Community cleanups are the heart of The Beautification Unit. Whether conducted routinely through Adopt-a-Program membership or as part of a specific event by a local group, these organized volunteer efforts greatly enhance the work that we do. These events often foster deeper connections with neighbors as well as a greater sense of community pride. If you are interested in learning more or hosting your own event, please visit keepdekalbbeautiful.org, or contact us today by calling (404) 294-2010 or emailing

kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov.