

Trash and Recycling Options in Guilford County

With environmental concerns rising on everyone's list of priorities, it's good to know what environmentally friendly options residents have available to them for disposing of trash and unwanted possessions. Here are some pointers, along with a list of resources, that you may want to save for future reference.

Household Garbage and Trash

For disposal of regular household trash, residents have the option of hiring a private hauler to collect their trash and recycling or of taking it to a public facility themselves. When hiring a hauler, please keep in mind that the County requires private companies to obtain a County license to collect residential garbage and recycling. The licensing process helps to ensure that collection vehicles are maintained in good working order, so that they do not leak and cause contamination. In addition, companies operating under the County licensing program must adhere to these **minimum** service requirements and **maximum** collection fees:

- \$16.00 per month for once per week garbage collection and twice per month recyclables collection at the curb/roadside.

In addition, licensed haulers may opt to provide "back-door" service for disabled or elderly customers who are unable to get their trash out to the curb, or twice per week garbage collection service for those with greater disposal needs, based on County licensing requirements and pricing guidelines for these specific services. Also, each company has its own rules for recycling, including the materials accepted and the guidelines for preparing those materials for collection. So contact your hauler directly for recycling information specific to your program.

As of February 1, 2007 the following companies hold a valid license to operate in Guilford County:

Waste Industries
(336) 668-3712

Handy's Garbage Service
(336) 431-2515

Republic Waste Services
(336) 299-0815

Jenkins Waste Management
(336) 656-0040

Waste Management
(336) 723-5744

Reliable Trash Services
(336) 687-0803

If you'd rather transport your garbage directly to a disposal facility, there are two options available to you in Guilford County. For hours of operation, load requirements and costs, please contact these facilities directly:

City of Greensboro Transfer Station
6310 Burnt Poplar Road
(336) 373-3867

City of High Point Landfill
3748 East Kivett Drive
(336) 883-3435

Yard Waste

Grass clippings, hedge trimmings, tree limbs and leaves are all considered yard waste. Much of your yard waste can be composted and reused in your gardens and flower beds to provide nutrients and mulch for your plants. For information about backyard composting, please contact the Guilford County Cooperative Extension at (336) 375-5876. If composting isn't an option for you, many of the County's licensed haulers provide curbside collection service for yard waste for an additional fee. Please contact your hauler directly for more information.

If you'd like to take your yard waste to a composting facility, there are two available to residents in Guilford County. Both of these composting centers often have compost and mulch available for residents. Please contact the facilities directly for information about availability, pricing, materials accepted and hours of operation.

City of Greensboro White Street Landfill
2503 White Street, Greensboro
(336) 373-7657 or 373-CITY

City of High Point Ingleside Compost Facility
301 Ingleside Drive, High Point
(336) 883-8514

Construction and Demolition Waste

Unwanted materials that result from the construction or demolition of buildings and other structures are termed construction and demolition (C&D) waste. While these materials can be disposed of in the same manner as municipal solid waste, or regular household trash, it is less expensive and more environmentally friendly to dispose of them at a C&D facility where they may be able to be recycled. There are currently three C&D facilities available to residents in Guilford County. Please contact each facility directly for hours of operation, costs and other pertinent information.

City of Greensboro White Street Landfill
2503 White Street, Greensboro
(336) 373-7657 or 373-CITY

WCA of High Point
5830 Riverdale Drive, Jamestown
(336) 886-3560

Salvage America, Inc.
3001 Holts Chapel Road, Greensboro
(336) 215-5228

Land Clearing and Inert Debris (LCID)

This category is limited to the following materials: concrete, brick, concrete block, uncontaminated soil, rock, gravel, untreated wood, limbs, leaves and stumps. LCID landfills are not permitted to accept any materials that have been painted or coated with sealants or finishes. For LCID landfill facilities closest to you, check the County website at <http://www.co.guilford.nc.us/ced/cms/solidwaste.html>, or contact Brian Grogan, Environmental Inspector, at (336) 641-2082 for more information. You must contact each facility in advance for costs and hours of operation.

Recycling

All of the licensed garbage collectors in Guilford County are required to provide recycling collection as part of their service. Because these companies take their recyclable materials to various recycling centers, each has their own list of acceptable materials. However, each collects aluminum and metal food and beverage cans, plastic bottles labeled with a #1 PETE or #2 HDPE, and newspaper. Some services also collect cardboard, magazines, office paper and chipboard. Please check with your garbage collector for details relating to your specific program.

If you don't subscribe to a curbside collection service, your recycling options are limited. There are currently two recycling centers in Guilford County, but only one is open to the general public. Owned and operated by the City of High Point, this material recovery facility (MRF) will accept many household recyclable materials, and will even buy high quality recyclables. For more information, call the MRF directly:

City of High Point Material Recovery Facility
5875 Riverdale Road, Jamestown
(336) 883-3621

If you live in the City of Greensboro, there are several unmanned recycling drop-off sites available to you. Check the website at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/fieldops/recycling/recyclingdropsites.htm>, or call (336) 373-CITY for locations and materials accepted. Guilford County is currently investigating the possibility of developing drop-off sites for recyclable materials for all County residents. Watch for updates on this project on the County website at <http://www.co.guilford.nc.us/ced/cms/solidwaste.html>.

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics

There are many household products and materials that cannot be safely disposed of in a landfill or MRF. These include paints and solvents, garden and pool chemicals, mercury thermostats and thermometers, batteries, automotive fluids such

as gasoline and motor oil, and aerosol cans that are not empty. In addition, electronic waste contains toxic materials and heavy metals that are best disposed of through a recovery and recycling process. Electronic waste includes computer equipment, televisions, electronic toys and games, cell phones, and anything else that contains an electronic chip. The County provides free disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronics to residents. Carefully pack up these materials to prevent leakage or spills and bring them to the collection center, where a representative will unload them from your vehicle for you. Hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Please feel free to call for more information or directions:

Guilford County/City of Greensboro HHW Collection Center
(operated by Eco-Flo, Inc.)
2750 Patterson Street, Greensboro
(336) 373-2196

Appliances/White Goods and Tires

Large household appliances, also termed “white goods” because of the white enamel devices originally offered to the public in the 1940s and ‘50s, are prohibited from being disposed of in landfills and must be recycled. White goods include stoves, freezers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers and air conditioners. Many of the licensed garbage collectors provide curbside pick-up of appliances for a fee. However, you may also bring your household appliances directly to the County facility for recycling. There is no charge, and we’ll unload your vehicle for you.

Scrap tires are a large environmental problem in North Carolina. They are prohibited from disposal in landfills, and are very costly to recycle. The state has enacted a point-of-purchase disposal fee on tires, so when you purchase new tires be sure to take advantage of the fee and have your retailer dispose of your old tires for you. If you do have tires you need to get rid of, please be aware that there are restrictions. Each household is permitted a one-time exemption of 5 passenger vehicle tires at no charge. Additional passenger vehicle tires (20” or less in diameter) may be disposed of at a cost of \$.73 each. All heavy truck tires incur a disposal fee of \$3.65 each. Off-road tires are weighed, and a disposal fee equal to \$.0365 per pound is assessed.

The Guilford County Scrap Tire and White Goods Collection Center is located at 2138 Bishop Road, just south of the Wet ‘n Wild Water Park, between Holden and Groometown Roads. Please call the facility at (336) 294-9431 for hours of operation and directions.

More Information

If you have questions or would like more information about solid waste and recycling procedures and services in Guilford County, please contact Susan Heim, Environmental Services Coordinator, by telephone at (336) 641-3792, or by e-mail at sheim@co.guilford.nc.us. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, whenever possible.....

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