



YARD WASTE CHANGES 2024

At its August 15, 2023, meeting, the Greensboro City Council approved changes to yard waste and loose leaf collection. The policy shifts are more sustainable and are expected to improve safety for solid waste employees and reduce costs for contracted labor while maintaining efficient service for residents.



FALL 2023–WINTER 2024

The current Leaf Collection Program will operate as normal from November 2023 through February 2024.

MARCH 1, 2024

Residents must use only biodegradable paper bags for yard waste. No plastic bags will be accepted. The City will collect up to 10 biodegradable paper bags weekly.

SUMMER 2024

Residents will receive a City-provided, 95-gallon, gray rolling cart for leaves and yard waste. The cart will be collected weekly on residents' regular collection day.

NOVEMBER 2024

Leaf season begins. The City will accept up to 15 biodegradable paper bags per household per week throughout leaf season in addition to the 95-gallon cart.

FEBRUARY 2025

Leaf season ends. The City will accept up to 10 biodegradable paper bags per household per week in addition to the 95-gallon cart until the following leaf season

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: How often will my 95-gallon yard waste container be collected?

A: The 95-gallon yard waste container will be collected each week on your regular trash collection day.

Q: How many biodegradable yard waste bags are allowed to be put out each week?

A: From November through February, during Leaf Season, 15 bags per week per household are able to be placed at the curb. From March through October, 10 bags per week per household are able to be placed at the curb.

Q: Where can I purchase biodegradable yard waste bags?

A: Biodegradable yard waste bags can be purchased online, at big box stores and local lawn and garden centers.

Q: If I run out of space in the new 95-gallon yard waste container, may I still bundle sticks?

A: Yes. You may still tie yard waste bundles not more than five feet long and no heavier than 50 pounds.

Q: Can I still use my own personal trash cans or bins for yard waste?

A: No. City crews will only collect yard waste in the City-provided 95-gallon yard waste container once they have been delivered.

Q: Can I purchase a second 95-gallon yard waste container?

A: Yes. Stay tuned for more details. These will be for purchase once all containers have been delivered. A cost will be set once the containers have been ordered.