

# Downtown Raleigh

## What to Recycle and How:

### Please Recycle:

Glass food and beverage containers  
Plastic bottles  
Metal food and beverage cans  
Aseptic boxes (e.g. broth, juice)  
Magazines and catalogs  
White paper (any color print is okay)  
Newspapers and all inserts  
Cardboard (flatten, reduce to 3' x 3')



### Do Not Include:

Pizza boxes  
Plastic cups, plates or take-out boxes  
Paper cups or plates  
Styrofoam of any kind  
Drinking glasses  
Ceramic plates  
Electronic equipment (call 996-6890 for info on disposal options)



### How Do I Get a Recycling Container?

Blue, 64-gallon wheeled carts are available free of charge. Smaller, 18-gallon green bins are available for use under desks and inside offices. However, the green bins are difficult for the crews to see and often disappear; therefore they should not be put out on the curb for collection.

### What Am I Required to Recycle?

Corrugated cardboard is banned from landfills in Wake County. Any corrugated cardboard (the kind with a wavy layer sandwiched in between two flat layers) should be put in a blue cart for recycling. Certain types of ABC permit holders have to recycle beverage containers since January 1, 2008. This law mandates the separation of any recyclable beverage containers, not just those that contained alcohol (ABC Commission). The City of Raleigh has some small collection containers available, while supplies last, to assist permit holders in separating beverage containers from garbage.

## Garbage Collection:

### How Do I Get a Trash Can?

Each City of Raleigh-issued trash can costs \$40.00. Payment must be made in advance of delivery. Once payment is received, the cart(s) will be delivered to your business by City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department employees. There are three ways to purchase containers:

- Call 919-996-6890 to pay using a VISA or MasterCard
- Visit the Avery C. Upchurch Municipal Complex at 222 W. Hargett St, first floor Revenue Services lobby
- Mail a check to City of Raleigh P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602 Attn: Revenue Collections. **You must indicate the business name and address where you want the cart(s) delivered.**

All restaurants and bars **must** use City carts to prevent leakage on sidewalks.

### Why can't I use the corner cans?

The corner cans were not designed to handle the volume of trash that might be produced by a vibrant downtown business. If you use them for your trash, then they are not available for pedestrians.

### How Do I Get a New Cart?

Carts are replaced for free when stolen or damaged. If you need a replacement, call 996-6890.



### Where Can I Buy City-Approved Trash Bags?

City of Raleigh bags may be purchased from the Downtown Raleigh, Alliance office at 120 S. Wilmington Street. Bags are sold in rolls of ten for \$2.00. You may purchase any number of rolls, or you may purchase a box of twenty rolls for \$40.00. For office hours, please call the Downtown Raleigh Alliance at (919) 831-1231.

### Why Can't I Use My Own Trash Cans?

All refuse must be put in the green City issued bags or trash containers. Any refuse in black bags or non-City issued carts will be considered improperly prepared for collection. Garbage or recycling that is improperly prepared should receive an educational tag from the downtown collection crew.

### Why Do I Have to Separate Trash from Recycling?

The City of Raleigh pays to dispose of garbage at the South Wake Landfill. Certain items, including corrugated cardboard and lead-acid batteries, are banned from landfills by either state or county laws. You help the City of Raleigh comply with those laws—and protect our groundwater—by keeping hazardous materials out of the landfills.

### How Much Does Trash Collection Cost?

The fee for garbage and recycling collection is currently \$30.00 per month. This is billed with the utility bill from the City of Raleigh. If you have questions about your bill, please contact City of Raleigh Utility Billing at (919) 890-3245.

## Garbage & Recycling Collection Times

### Garbage and Recycling are collected:

Monday - Saturday  
(except Christmas Day and New Year's Day)

### What time should I put my Garbage and Recycling containers out for collection?

All refuse and recycling must be placed on the curb for collection no earlier than 3pm but no later than 5:30pm. All trash carts, recycling carts, and uncollected waste must be removed from the curb by 9:30 AM the day after collection. Refuse put out before 3PM, after 5:30PM, or on Sundays is a violation of Raleigh Municipal Code. Violations are subject to up to a \$500.00 civil penalty.



### When Is Yard Waste Collected?

Yard waste is not collected in the downtown area. Tree limbs and other debris resulting from work done by a landscaper should be hauled away by the contractor. Christmas tree collection for downtown residents may be arranged on a case-by-case basis by calling 996-6890.

## Downtown Raleigh Recycles

### Why Should I Recycle?

All recycling customers are recognized in occasional advertisements and in the quarterly electronic newsletter, *The View from the Cab*. In addition, we will provide you with a free window cling decal so you can let your customers know that you are doing your part to care for the environment.

Recycling helps the City avoid landfill disposal costs and generate revenue from the sale of recyclable materials. Using recycled material instead of virgin reduces energy used in the manufacturing of aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastic bottles. In addition, recycling supports more than 14,000 jobs in North Carolina!

Questions about code enforcement should be directed to the Solid Waste Services Code Enforcement Officer at (919) 996-6874. A clean downtown helps visitors feel safe, and makes downtown more attractive to new businesses and residents. Thank you for cooperating with the rules for containers and collection times!



For More Information Visit:  
[www.raleighnc.gov/downtownrecycles](http://www.raleighnc.gov/downtownrecycles)

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Your Guide to  
Trash & Recycling  
Collection in  
Downtown Raleigh



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