

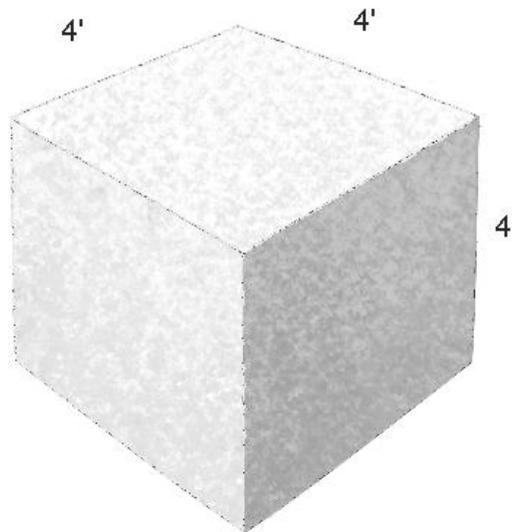
City of Belmont

Solid Waste and Recycling Guidelines

(Revised September 2011)

As the city's solid waste contractor, **Waste Pro of N. C.** handles household trash, bulk waste, yard debris, recycling, and other residential curb-side items under the following guidelines:

- City residents may dispose of their own trees for pick-up by Waste Pro. Cut tree limbs, branches, and individual trimmings to lengths no longer than four (4) feet. Limbs may be no larger than eight (8) inches in diameter. The Waste Pro bulk debris truck uses a mechanical claw which has a weight limit.
- Sort piles by type so that large, heavy pieces of wood are not mixed with other debris, such as branches, vines, shrubs, and other less-heavy vegetation. The different types of yard waste may be sent to different landfills so it's important that the debris piles are sorted before Waste Pro's crew arrives.
- Individual piles should be no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet. If the debris piles are larger than this, the Waste Pro crew will take its limit and return for the remaining debris during the next scheduled run.



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- Grass clippings, except for the pampas variety, must be bagged for collection because they cannot be collected with automated equipment. Clear bags are preferred; other bags that are not clear should be left open for inspection.
- Leaf piles (loose) will be vacuumed by Waste Pro crews starting the first week of October each year and ending on the last week of March the following year. Leaves must be bagged for pick-up from April through the end of September. Clear bags are preferred; if clear bags are not used the bags must be left open for inspection. Leaf services will be provided according to the same bi-weekly yard waste pick-up schedule. **Please note that the quickest way to dispose of leaves is to bag them.** Waste Pro's leaf truck may not be able to vacuum wet or frozen leaves and will not return until the next scheduled run. Do not mix any other type of debris with loose leaves.
- Yard debris, limbs, and trimmings shall not block sidewalks, streets, driveways, or water meter boxes. Limbs, hedge trimmings, and other debris shall be placed parallel with the street and away from power lines and cables.
- Every effort should be made to keep yard waste out of the storm drains and grates. Clogged drains can cause local flooding and create traffic hazards. Please make sure your yard waste stays clear of all stormwater catch basins.

Important note: Tree limbs and yard debris resulting from contracted services **will not** be picked up by Waste Pro. Hired service contractors such as tree and landscape companies must remove all yard waste resulting from their work.

Thanks for your cooperation!



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Guidelines for other types of debris

Cardboard products: Cut down all cardboard boxes and fold flat; place it in the recycling roll-out. No curb-side cardboard collections are allowed.

Bulk household debris: Furniture, bedding, toys, carpet, and other larger, non-putrid debris **shall not** be mixed with other yard waste and trimmings. Please separate your items accordingly. Bulk debris may not be placed in the roll-out containers. Only regular household trash (bagged to prevent litter) should be placed in your gray roll-out trash container.

Construction debris: Waste Pro will not pick up construction/demolition debris. Do-it-yourself homeowners and independent contractors are responsible for removal of all construction materials. Construction debris includes lumber, sheetrock, shingles, wiring, plumbing, flooring, insulation, brick, blocks, pavement, heating and cooling equipment, and similar construction materials. Demolition materials must be taken to the Gaston County landfill on Philadelphia Church Road in Dallas. The landfill does not accept Gaston County's GarbCards (see below).

Major appliances: Large appliances will be picked up by the city's public works department after a payment has been made at city hall. The fee is \$37 per unit; you may contact city hall at 704-825-5586 to schedule an appliance pick-up.

TVs, computers, and audio components: These items can be set at the curb for bi-weekly debris pick-up by Waste Pro. Do not place in the recycling roll-outs.

Household hazardous waste: Visit the county website at the **link below** for more information on items such as paint, used motor oil, automotive batteries, insecticides, light bulbs, and so forth: <http://www.gastongov.com/departments/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste>

Gaston County GarbCards: The local recycling center at 235 Lake Wylie Road off New Hope Road (south of the fish camps) is a good resource if you want to get rid of your debris right away. The center's phone number is 704-825-1252. You will have to purchase a county GarbCard to use some of its services.
<http://www.gastongov.com/departments/solid-waste/garbage-disposal>

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Beginning July 5th, please recycle all plastics (no Styrofoam, bags, or wrap)



New! Beginning July 5, 2011, please recycle these items

- ◆ Empty Aerosol Cans (no paint cans)
- ◆ All Plastics 1-7 (no Styrofoam, bags, or wrap)
- ◆ Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers & Lids
- ◆ Rigid Plastic Containers & Small Hard Plastic Toys
- ◆ Milk & Juice Cartons, & Juice Boxes
- ◆ Shredded Paper (placed in clear bag)



Please continue to recycle these items

- Aluminum Cans
- Metal Food Cans & Lids
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Cereal & Food Boxes
- Cardboard Boxes Flattened
- Mixed Paper, Newspapers with Inserts, & Junk Mail
- Paperback Books
- Magazines & Phonebooks
- Spiral Paper Cans (with plastic lids detached)



Although recycling is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended.

(Recycling materials into new products preserves natural resources, reduces energy consumption, and reduces our dependence on foreign oil)



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