

YARD TRIMMINGS

Yard trimmings include grass clippings, leaves, twigs, branches, limbs, tree parts, shrubbery, vines, garden plants and other naturally occurring vegetative matter. All yard trimmings must be properly prepared for collection. Approved yard trimmings containers must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. and removed by 7 p.m. on residents' scheduled collection day.

Acceptable Containers

- ◆ **Up to 5** approved durable metal or plastic containers with two handles (up to a 40-gallon capacity), **OR** biodegradable paper bags (no plastic bags)

Collection Procedures

- ◆ Biodegradable bags must be folded at the top to minimize rain deterioration
- ◆ Branches and limbs must be trimmed of twigs, vines & leaves
- ◆ Twigs, vines and leaves must be placed in an approved container
- ◆ **Tree limbs must either be stacked neatly at the curb** (see third picture under "Proper Procedure" below) or **must be bundled and tied** (see fourth picture under "Proper Procedure" below), **and should not exceed four feet in length**
- ◆ Tree parts (each piece up to 25 lbs.; stacked neatly at the curb)
- ◆ Containers or bags with dirt **will require a special collection**

Proper Procedure



(properly prepared yard trimmings bags or containers; no dirt)

Special Collection

(minimum fee of \$225 for tree parts and \$100 for yard trimmings)



(improperly prepared or large volumes of yard trimmings)

- ◆ Six bags or six containers or more of yard trimmings will not be serviced (submit special collection request)
- ◆ Large piles of yard trimmings not meeting the above restrictions can be scheduled for a special collection - prepaid fee required. See Special Collection Procedures on our website
- ◆ Tree limbs cut by professional or hired contractors and left at the curb will incur a prepaid special collection fee

OTHER SANITATION SERVICES

Animal Crematory

This service facilitates the responsible processing of dead animals up to 100 pounds, and is available to DeKalb residents for a fee.

Compost

Yard trimmings collected from residents are recycled into compost at the Seminole Road Landfill. DeKalb residents can collect free compost at one of four pickup locations, or have compost delivered to their homes for a fee of \$7.50 per cubic yard; a minimum delivery fee of \$75 or 10 cubic yards.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

The Sanitation Division offers two compressed natural gas (CNG) stations that are utilized by county vehicles, including Sanitation Division trucks. These CNG stations are also available for use by the general public.

Seminole Road Landfill

DeKalb County residents or licensed businesses are able to utilize the Landfill to dispose normal home-generated refuse, yard trimmings, furniture, personal vehicle tires, appliances and construction and demolition material for a fee.

Residential Roll-off Container Rentals

Residents can submit a 10-, 20-, 30- or 40-yard roll-off container rental request.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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For more information on all services offered by the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, visit www.dekalbsanitation.com.

RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROCEDURES

DEKALB COUNTY SANITATION DIVISION



In the event of inclement weather, DeKalb County reserves the right to suspend service. In the event service delivery is suspended, the Sanitation Division will resume services on the next scheduled business day, weather permitting. Please visit www.dekalbsanitation.com for ongoing updates.



BULKY ITEMS

Bulky items include large trash items that cannot fit in garbage roll carts, and are included in residential annual sanitation assessment fees. Once items are placed curbside without blocking mailboxes, driveways, sidewalks, drainage systems, roadways and utilities, **residents are required to submit a bulky item or special collection request through the online portal at www.dekalbsanitation.com.**

Acceptable items

(piles should **NOT** contain any unacceptable items from the Household Garbage section)

- ◆ Chairs and tables
- ◆ Couches, loveseats and futons
- ◆ Mattress and box spring
- ◆ Lawn furniture and lawn mowers (gas and oil must be removed prior to placing at the curb)
- ◆ Grills (NO PROPANE TANKS)
- ◆ Microwave ovens
- ◆ Toys, bicycles and playground equipment
- ◆ Hand-held tools and accessories
- ◆ Toilets
- ◆ Televisions

White Goods

- ◆ Stoves and water heaters
- ◆ Refrigerators and freezers (contents and doors/lids must be secured or removed on all items prior to placing at the curb)

Special Collections

(prepaid fee required prior to servicing; minimum fee of \$100)

- ◆ Eviction piles
- ◆ Excess/overflow bags
- ◆ Large volumes of garbage
- ◆ Construction, demolition and remodeling materials including carpet, fencing, decking, etc. (roll-off containers available)
- ◆ Trees and large volumes of improperly prepared yard trimmings
- ◆ Tree limbs cut by professional or hired contractors
- ◆ Unflattened boxes and more than 10 flattened boxes
- ◆ Six or more yard trimmings containers or bags

Unacceptable items

- ◆ Concrete or dirt
- ◆ Hazardous materials of any kind
- ◆ Waste in any non-county-issued container
- ◆ Batteries: large-sized alkaline batteries and wet cell/lead acid batteries, such as the kind found in cars, trucks and boats

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Single-Stream Recycling

The curbside single-stream recycling program is a voluntary subscription-based program that allows the commingling of recyclable items in county-provided recycling roll carts. Recycling subscribers can obtain either a standard complimentary 35-gallon recycling roll cart, or upgrade to a 65-gallon recycling roll cart for a one-time \$25 prepaid fee. To subscribe, please submit an application in person; online at www.dekalbsanitation.com; or via a secure drop box. **Only county-issued recycling roll carts will be serviced.**

Acceptable items

- ◆ All cardboard
- ◆ Frozen food boxes
- ◆ Beer and soda cartons
- ◆ Packing paper (no wax)
- ◆ Food & beverage cartons
- ◆ Metal and aluminum bottles/cans
- ◆ Plastics 1 & 2 **ONLY** (milk jugs, water bottles, juice containers, laundry detergent containers, fabric softener containers, bleach bottles, etc. **(all items must have a plastic code of 1 or 2)** Mixed
- ◆ paper (newspaper, magazine, printer, office and copy paper, catalogs, mail, junk mail and other paper products)

Unapproved items in recycling roll carts will contaminate the contents of the entire cart and place recyclable materials in jeopardy of being discarded as garbage.

Glass Recycling

This program provides county residents with glass recycling drop-off containers throughout the County. For more information on the glass recycling program, visit www.dekalbsanitation.com and click on the **Glass Recycling** menu item.

E-recycling

This program promotes the recovery, reuse and recycling of obsolete electronic equipment. An e-recycling drop-off location can be found at the Seminole Road Landfill, 4203 Clevemont Road, Elenwood, GA 30294.

Shoe & Clothing Recycling

This program facilitates the reuse and recycling of shoes and clothing. A shoe and clothing drop-off location can be found at the Sanitation Division's Central Transfer Station 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur GA 30032.

For more information on recycling programs, visit www.dekalbsanitation.com and click on DeKalb Recycles.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Every household within the Sanitation Division's service area receives a county-issued garbage roll cart. All household garbage must be placed in secure plastic bags prior to placing in the roll carts. Roll cart lids must be fully closed.

- ◆ **Excess/overflow bags are not permitted outside of roll carts and will not be serviced**
- ◆ **To address excess/overflow garbage, residents can schedule a special collection (fee applies), OR obtain additional garbage roll carts (an increase in annual sanitation assessment prepaid fees will apply)**
- ◆ **Only county-issued garbage roll carts will be serviced**

Items must be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on residents' scheduled collection day. Roll carts must be removed by 7 p.m. on residents' scheduled collection day, or according to the DeKalb County ordinance

Unacceptable items

(loose garbage and liquids should not be placed in roll carts; residents are responsible for cleaning any loose garbage falling out of roll carts during servicing)

- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Steel or metal
- ◆ Loose garbage
- ◆ Yard trimmings
- ◆ Auto parts and tires
- ◆ Concrete or dirt
- ◆ Carpet or padding
- ◆ Hazardous materials
- ◆ Loose garbage
- ◆ Liquid, paint, gas, lighter fluids
- ◆ Excessive garbage outside the roll cart
- ◆ Construction & demolition materials

Proper disposal warning for sharp objects, razor blades, lancets, needles and broken glass

These items can puncture a plastic bag and cause injury to the refuse collector. Please place these items in a taped plastic container with a lid.

Proper disposal for dog and cat feces

Must be bagged, then placed in a larger garbage bag with other household garbage being placed in the roll cart.

For more information on garbage collection policies and procedures, please visit www.dekalbsanitation.com and click on Residential Collection Procedures.