



General Program Questions

What is the Solid Waste Environmental Enhancement Program (SWEEP)?

SWEEP is a DeKalb County Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) initiative designed to support cleaner neighborhoods and healthier communities. The program's Fall 2026 campaign slogan is *Cleaner Neighborhoods. Healthier Communities. A Brighter DeKalb.*

How long will the fall campaign last?

The entire month of October.

What activities, events, and services are included in the program?

A free paper shredding event; free curbside residential bulky item collection; and mowing, illegal dumping, and litter abatement services throughout unincorporated DeKalb.

What is the program's coverage area?

Bulky item collection will occur within DSWM's entire service area; all DeKalb County residents can participate in the paper shredding event; Beautification services will be performed within unincorporated DeKalb.

Who can residents contact for more information about the program?

DSWM's Customer Experience team at solidwaste@dekalbcountyga.gov or 404-294-2900.

Bulky Item Collection

When will free bulky item collection occur?

During the month of October and based on residents' regular service days as follows:

Monday customers – Oct. 2 or 3

Tuesday customers – Oct. 9 or 10

Wednesday customers – Oct. 16 or 17

Thursday customers – Oct. 23 or 24

Should a bulky item collection request be submitted in advance?

No. Items at the curb will automatically be collected, based on the schedule above.

When and where should residents place bulky items at the curb for servicing?

Items should be placed curbside on Thursday of the week that items will be serviced (*see schedule above*). Items should be in an accessible location, not blocking fire hydrants, mailboxes, etc.

What items are accepted for servicing?

Furniture (chairs, tables, sofas, mattresses, dressers, cabinets); **appliances** (microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, grills (*no propane tanks*)); **electronics** (TVs, computers, monitors, printers); **other items** such as lawn mowers (*no riding lawn mowers; remove oil and gas*); lawn furniture; toys; bicycles; toilets; playground equipment.

What items are not accepted for servicing?

Riding lawn mowers, pianos, auto parts, household hazardous waste, medical waste, tires, and special collection items (*tree parts, construction & demolition materials, etc.*).

What if items are not collected on either of the two listed service dates?

Each regular service day has two designated bulky item collection dates. Items should be collected on either of the two assigned service dates. Please leave eligible items at the curb until collection is complete. Should servicing not occur, please contact DSWM's Customer Experience team at solidwaste@dekalbcountyga.gov or 404-294-2900.

What if items are placed curbside after residents' free scheduled service date?

Any items placed curbside after residents' assigned free bulky item collection day will require a prepaid fee for servicing.

Beautification Services

What services will be performed by the Beautification Services team?

The Beautification Services team will offer litter abatement, mowing, and illegal dumping services throughout October in predetermined areas in unincorporated DeKalb. Future service requests can be submitted at 404-294-2010 or beautify@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Paper Shredding Event

When and where is the paper shredding event?

Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. – noon, at the Central Transfer Station, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur. Shredding services will be provided by A1 Shredding & Recycling.

Who can participate in the paper shredding event?

The event is free and open to DeKalb County residents **only**. No commercial participation. Proof of residency is required.

Is there a limit to how much paper and what kinds of documents are allowed?

Residents can bring up to 10 standard-size boxes of documents per vehicle. Personal documents such as old financial statements, bills, tax records, etc., are allowed.