

YARD WASTE SERVICES  
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Jurisdiction	Frequency of Service	Equipment	Crew Description	Number of Crews	Notes
Asheville	4 days/week; unscheduled	3 knuckle booms; 2 tractors; 2 sway trucks; 8 rear packers	2-person crews (except rear packers)	8 to 11, depending on demand	Bundles cannot exceed 4' in length and 6" in diameter; residents encouraged to use containers, but non-tied bags are accepted
Carrboro	Every other week; unscheduled	1 rear packer; 1 knuckle boom; 2 mid-size loading trucks (Evos)	2-person crews	3	Piles not to require more than 10 minutes to load; otherwise, fee assessed (amount depends on size); branches not to exceed 4' length and 4" diameter
Cary	Mondays only; just yard waste	Rear packers	3-person crews	13	Residents must use paper bags or reusable containers for trimmings/clippings; bundles not to exceed 4' length and 4" diameter; should not require more than 10 minutes for crew to collect
Concord	Once per week, day of normal trash pickup	3 knuckle booms; 2 rear packers; 2 tractors; 2 sway trucks; 8 rear packers	3-person knuckle boom crew; 2-person rear packer crew	5	Bundles not to exceed 6'; trimmings and clippings must be bagged
Durham	Once per week, day after normal trash pickup	not provided	not provided	21	Must be placed in bin issued by City; bin purchased for one time cost of \$20
Fayetteville	Once per week, day of normal trash pickup	Rear packer; knuckle boom; small trucks	2-person crews on rear packer and knuckle boom	9	Residents must use bag or container (container encouraged for clippings); bundles not to exceed 6' in length or weigh more than 5 lbs. If over 5 lbs, then knuckle boom is used and resident is charged a user fee
Greensboro	Once per week, day of normal trash pickup	Rear packers	2-person crews	27	Bundles not to exceed 5' in length, or weigh more than 50 lbs. Other yard waste must be placed in 32-gal bin at citizen's choosing

Greenville	Once per week; not date specific	Rear packers	3-person crews	6	Bundles not to exceed 6' in length, or 4" in diameter; no weight requirement
Raleigh	Scheduled, every Wednesday	Rear packers	3-person crews	45	Yard waste in containers, no larger than 55 gallons and 75 pounds or less; may be tied in bundles not more than 4' in length, 18" in diameter or 75 pounds in weight

### **Other Survey Comments**

#### Summary of Citizen Information Programs for Yard Waste

Almost every jurisdiction (with exception of Greenville) uses newspaper inserts or press releases to advertise yard waste service program

Asheville, Cary, Concord, Fayetteville and Greensboro now use internet as primary tool for citizen information

Asheville, Concord, Durham and Fayetteville use public cable channels or public access for citizen information

Asheville uses door hangings for citizen information

#### Implementation Notes

Most jurisdictions expressed frustration with lack of enforcement for bundle and bagging requirements

Concord, Durham and Fayetteville indicated they are making serious efforts at improving enforcement

#### Other Notes

Asheville noted that a pilot testing program for completely automated trash pickup on 3,000 residences was in place; results so far have been very promising

Fayetteville is planning to drop rear packers from leaf collection program by November; smaller trucks will be used in anticipation of reducing maintenance costs