



# Welcome your New Yard Waste Cart!

## Thank you for participating in our pilot project!

The following is important information regarding your yard waste collection:

Yard Waste is defined as, grass clippings, tree and shrubbery trimmings, leaves, weeds, old mulch and other organic materials that can be composted (not including food debris).

Yard waste does not consist of construction or demolition debris, dirt, rocks, bricks, block, sod, water, pavement, flower pots or trays, plastic/paper bags, or any type of trash.

Yard waste, whether it is the cart or loose material, must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. of your scheduled collection day. If the yard waste is loose and not containerized, do not place it on the sidewalk, in the street or near storm drains. All yard waste carts must be have a space of 4 feet between carts, mailboxes, fences, and vehicles.

Yard waste generated by private landscaping or tree contractors is required to be disposed of by that contractor rather than collected by the City. Yard waste from outside of the City cannot be brought inside the City for collection, these items must be taken to the Gaston County Yard Waste Facility located on Philadelphia Church Road, Dallas, NC.

Your cart should eliminate the use of any yard waste bags. If you continually overfill the cart please contact us for a second cart, the \$50 one-time fee will apply but no other reoccurring charges. We would like for all of your yard waste to fit inside of the cart, however there may be times when limbs and clippings are too long or large for the cart if so place them beside the cart, loose, and at the curb for collection.

To reduce yard waste, residents are urged to mulch or compost on site. If you would like more information on residential composting please visit the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

During holiday weeks, the City of Gastonia does not collect yard waste on the holiday nor the next business day following a holiday. Also during peak leaf season (the months of November, December & January) yard waste is only collected the first full week of the month in order to have all available staff vacuuming loose leaves.

Christmas trees, garlands, and wreaths are collected the first full week in January each year. These items must be stripped of all wires, lights, ornaments, etc. Artificial trees will be collected on your normal collection day for a fee (\$15-\$25 depending upon weight).

For more information call City of Gastonia Customer Service at 704-866-6774.