

# Waste & Recycling Collection Guidelines



### Collection Schedule

- Waste is collected 2x
  per week. Enter your home
  address at the interactive
  maps at <a href="https://www.">https://www.</a>
  mtnbrook.org/publicworks/
  page/waste-and-leaf-pick-schedules to check your
  scheduled service days.
- Materials should be out by 6:30am on your service days. (Routes begin at 7am.)
- First collection day each week: "mixed stream" everything collected that day is transported to RePower South and sorted to separate recyclables from waste.
- Second collection day each week: Large bulk and brush piles will continue to be collected weekly. If space allows, place small limb piles or bagged yard waste in the cart.
- Collection missed or other issue? Report issues at the Amwaste tab on the City website. Amwaste has direct access to our Amwaste tab and will react to your request promptly. Submit a request under "Garbage Missed Plckup" at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn">https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn</a> You can call Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

For more information visit https://mtnbrookal.govqa.us/WEBAPP/ rs/Supporthome.aspx or scan the QR code below.



#### Recycling

- The first collection each week is transported to RePower South (RPS) and sorted to separate recyclables from waste.
- Nearly everything is recycled, other than food, organic waste (dirt, rocks, grass, etc.) and glass.
   Of the remaining materials, RPS transforms approximately 70% of this waste into two products:
  - Sold commodities.
     Recyclable commodities are baled and sold into established commodity markets.
  - ReEF fuel. Some materials, such as non-recyclable papers and some plastics, are not able to be sold as a commodity.
     RPS recycles these materials into "ReEF" fuel, which is used as a replacement for coal in industrial and energy utility boilers.
  - How does RPS "work"? No need to sort/clean recyclables – recycling and household waste should be bagged together.
- At RPS, the materials are put through a system of sorters that separate waste materials from recyclables. View RePower South recycling process videos at https://youtu.be/qOxJaOQOkPM https://youtu.be/zznw3iGdqUI

### Carts & Placement

- Please use the new carts delivered to your residence for collection service. If your cart requires repair or replacement, please submit a request at the Amwaste tab on the City website under "Cart -Deliver/Remove."
- Place recycling and waste in SAME CART – recycling is NO LONGER collected separately.
   Bag household waste and recyclable materials together for collection on the first pick-up of the week.
- Place cart on the curb by 6:30am with the arrows on the lid pointing to the street (3' or less from the curb).
- Do not place carts on: sidewalk; storm drain cover; gutter; steep slope; elevated platform; under low-hanging utility line/obstruction; or within 6' of a fixed object (mailbox, hedges, parked vehicle, etc.)
- Bag loose garbage & recycling to prevent wind-blown litter and unsanitary cart conditions.
- Single bags may not exceed 50 lbs.

## **Backdoor Collection**

- Backdoor collection is no longer a standard service. If you would like to receive the elective backdoor service, please request at the Amwaste tab on our website under "Backdoor Pickup - Sign up."
- Amwaste personnel <u>WILL</u> <u>NOT</u> enter gates, doors, garages or fenced areas to complete back door service.

### Debris & Bulk Collection

- Bulk and brush will continue to be collected weekly Monday
   Friday. For large piles of yard debris/bulk trash, submit a "Debris/Bulk Request" at the Amwaste tab on our website at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn">https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn</a>
- Small amounts of loose debris should be bagged and placed in cart for the second collection of each week. If it can not be bagged, place small piles next to cart for second collection each week. Submit a pickup request of 10+ bags.
- Only homeownergenerated materials will be collected. Contracted work (landscaping, construction, etc.) must be removed by the contractor Use a roll-off dumpster for construction/remodeling projects generating significant debris.
- Place materials no more than 3' from the curb and away from obstructions.
- Branches may not be longer than 6' long.
- Cross ties (railroad ties) will not be collected. They contain creosote and are not accepted by landfills.
- Refrigerated appliances require a Freon removal tag issued by a certified technician.
- Visit <a href="https://www.mtnbrook.org/publicworks/page/waste-and-leaf-pick-schedules">https://www.mtnbrook.org/publicworks/page/waste-and-leaf-pick-schedules</a> for a list of material that will/will not be collected. If you have questions or are unsure, call Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

#### **Holidays**

- Annual observed holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas. Dates may be subject to change.
- Service will NOT be delayed by one day following the holiday. If the holiday falls on a weekend, service will not be interrupted.