



Dear City of Mountain Brook Resident:

We are honored to announce Amwaste will be your new solid waste, recycling, debris, and bulk trash service provider. This communication includes your scheduled service days, important notes, and collection guidelines. For full details, please see the opposite side of this letter.

**Effective October 1, 2022, the collection days for your address are **Monday & Thursday**.**

Here are some important notes:

- Place recycling, trash, small limbs & bagged yard waste items in Amwaste provided cart.
- Bag loose garbage & recycling to prevent wind-blown litter and unsanitary cart conditions.
- Please have your cart out for service by 6:30 AM on your scheduled days.
- It is no longer necessary to separate recycling and garbage. You may place all materials in the same bag for collection on the first service of the week.
- On the 2nd service day, if space allows, place small limb piles or bagged yard waste in the cart.
- Please ensure lid is closed to prevent wind-blown litter and animal nuisance.
- Wash your cart periodically with water, soap and mild bleach to prevent residue and odor build up.
- If you signed up to receive the elective backdoor service, place your cart in plain sight with safe & unobstructed access.
- Amwaste personnel will not enter gates, doors, garages or fenced areas to complete back door service.

### Materials Accepted

#### These materials WILL be collected:

rolled carpet • glass doors (glass must be broken and placed in a cardboard box) • alkaline, manganese, and carbon-zinc batteries • fluorescent bulbs • household amounts of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers • moving boxes (broken down) • packing materials (bagged) • appliances (refrigerated appliances require a Freon removal tag issued by a certified technician).

### Materials Not Accepted

#### These materials WILL NOT be collected:

construction debris • blocks • bricks • concrete • piles of dirt • tile • tires • more than household amounts of hazardous waste • car batteries • large car parts (engines, rotors, etc.) • landscape or railroad cross ties • medical waste • needles • animal carcasses.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you have questions or are unsure, please utilize the City's request center at (205) 802-2390.

***Amwaste appreciates the opportunity to serve the City of Mountain Brook!***

## Collection Schedule

- Waste is collected **2x per week**. Enter your home address at the interactive maps at <https://www.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 our website. Amwaste has direct access to our Amwaste tab and will react to your request promptly. Submit a request under "Garbage Missed Pickup" at <https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn>. You can call Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

## Recycling

- The **first collection each week is transported to RePower South** (RPS) and sorted to separate recyclables from waste. Residents wanting to recycle are encouraged to retain recyclables until their second collection day each week.
- 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 the RePower South **recycling process video** at <https://youtu.be/qOxJaOQOkPM>.

## 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 our 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.**

## 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 <https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn>,
- 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 homeowner-generated materials will be collected.** Contracted work (landscaping, construction, etc.) must be removed by the contractor. Use a roll-off dumpster for construction/reno 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.

## 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 will not enter gates, doors, garages or fenced areas to complete back door service.

## 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.

For more information visit [https://mtnbrookal.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\\_rs/Supporthome.aspx](https://mtnbrookal.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/Supporthome.aspx) or scan the QR code below.

