

# RECYCLE TODAY

## YARD WASTE CARTS ARE IN. BAGS & BOXES ARE OUT.



Winston-Salem residents who have bags or boxes of yard waste at the curb may find a violation notice on their door asking them to remove it from the curb within 10 days or be subject to a fee of \$50 to \$500 if it has to be cleaned up by City Sanitation crews.\*

This is the result of a state environmental regulation which banned yard debris from the landfill last year. To comply with the law, yet still provide a yard waste pick up service to residents, the City of Winston-Salem introduced a new "yard waste cart" collection program for Winston-Salem residents who prefer not to compost grass clippings and other yard debris themselves. The yard waste carts actually make cleaning up the yard faster and easier and benefits the environment because the yard debris collected is now converted into a high-quality mulch and made available to residents at a minimal cost.

To participate in the yard waste cart pick up program, residents need to purchase a special roll out cart from the City. The cart costs \$46 (checks and money orders only) if you pick it up at the City Warehouse at 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Or, if you'd like the cart delivered to your home, the cost is \$50. **To order a cart, simply call 650-7640.** Collection is provided weekly (March 1 through the fall), and residents will be notified which day collection is in their neighborhood when the cart is received.

Becky McBride, City Sanitation Superintendent stated, "The city is pleased with how well the program is working. The streets appear less cluttered in areas where residents are using the carts." So far over 6,500 homes are participating in the yard cart program.

For more information about yard waste disposal options, call the Sanitation Division at 727-2638.

\*Brush placed at the curb is not a violation and will continue to be collected. Limbs should not exceed six feet in length and six inches in diameter.

## THANK YOU VERY MULCH

Last year's yard waste is this year's prime mulch, and it's yours for a song. You can purchase the minimum order of one cubic yard—that's about half a pickup truckful—for just \$7.50. It will be loaded for you on-site, or you can arrange delivery for an additional fee.

Purchase mulch at the Yard Waste Processing Facility at 1000 Old Milwaukee Lane, across from the Overdale Demolition Landfill. Hours are MF 7:30-12 and 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 8-12 and 1-4 pm. Call 784-1615 for more information.

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Just for doing what comes naturally - recycling your trash - you could win \$100 during Earth Week. For all the details - plus info on Earth Week activities - see page 3.