

City of Burlington
Office of Public Information
425 South Lexington Avenue
Burlington, North Carolina 27215



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
Date: April 16, 2014

Contact: Rachel Hawley
336-222-5076/336-516-1532

CITY EXTENDS FREE BULK WASTE COLLECTION TROUGH MAY 16TH

BURLINGTON, NC – Burlington City Council has extended the free bulk collection period for two weeks through May 16th. This action will assist residents in disposing of any remaining storm debris and bulk items at no cost.

In the wake of the March 7, 2014 ice storm the City initiated a storm debris collection contract with Phillips & Jordan. The contractor has completed its first round of collections resulting in approximately 150,000 cubic yards of storm debris. Any resident who has storm debris that was not collected on the first round should report the address to the Public Works Department at 336-222-5005.

Phillips and Jordan has begun its second pass through the city which is anticipated to be completed by April 25th. At the conclusion of this second round City crews will continue normal collections of yard waste and bulk limbs but will also collect any remaining storm debris materials. Residents are asked to separate storm related debris piles from yard waste and bulk limbs generated from typical yard work.

It's important for residents to leave 5' between debris piles and trash/recycle carts to facilitate normal sanitation collections. Do not place debris on any water meter vault, or near fire hydrant or other above-ground utilities. Do not place debris in culverts or curb drains as this could cause street flooding. Vegetative debris, limbs and shrubbery should be placed at the curb. Bundling or strapping debris is not required; typical size restrictions are waived through May 16th.

Bulk waste and storm debris will be collected at no charge to residents through May 16th. Vegetative debris, white goods and household bulk materials need to be placed in separate piles to allow workers to access them effectively. Learn more about bulk waste collections at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/BulkWaste.

Residents may report storm debris locations to the Public Works Department at 336-222-5005. Please check the City website at www.BurlingtonNC.gov for additional information and updates on the debris removal process. The City would like to thank all residents for their patience during the ice storm recovery.

####