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### **Wake County Residents can Celebrate Earth Day all Month Long**

Earth Day is officially celebrated on April 22, but Wake County's Solid Waste Management Division is encouraging residents to honor the day all month long by celebrating [Earth Month](#). To celebrate, Wake County will hold several events and initiatives during the month of April to get residents interested in recycling and keeping their community litter-free.

#### **Check out a Litter Kit in April**

Interested in doing some spring cleaning in your neighborhood? Wake County offers free [litter kits](#) with everything you need to clean up litter, such as safety vests, litter grabbers, garbage bags and a safety guide. Litter kits can be checked out for two weeks at a time. Volunteers and groups that check out a litter kit and hold a clean-up event in April will be entered into a contest to win a \$100 Visa gift card. To check out a kit, fill out the online [request form](#).

#### **Take a Tour of a Recycling Center**

Ever wonder what happens to your recycling when it leaves the curb? Take a free walking tour of the Sonoco Recycling facility in Raleigh on April 8 at 10 a.m. In addition to touring the facility and learning how materials are sorted, attendees will also learn what types of materials can and cannot be recycled.

Because this is a walking tour of the operational floor of the facility, attendees must be 18 years or older. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Wake County Education and Outreach Manager [Heather Cashwell](#) via email or at 919-856-6432.

Additional tours of the Sonoco Recycling Facility that are open to all ages may be scheduled by request. Learn more on [our website](#).

#### **Learn about Composting on Earth Day**

On April 22, the county will hold a composting demonstration event from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the [North Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities](#) on Deponie Drive in Raleigh. Attendees will learn how they can put their food and yard waste to use through composting and can see a demonstration of how composting

works. In addition to traditional composting, attendees will learn about vermicomposting and can register for the chance to win a worm farm.

Information will also be available about Wake County's free [food waste drop-off recycling program](#). Attendees who sign up for the program will receive a free kitchen caddy while supplies last.

Residents who [ordered a compost bin](#) during the month of March can pick up their bin at this event. For more information about the compost event, contact Wake County Community Outreach Coordinator [Sara Davarbakhsh](#) via email or at 919-856-7412.

### **About the Wake County Solid Waste Management Division**

The Wake County Solid Waste Management Division provides waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in Wake County. The division manages 17 waste facilities including a landfill, waste transfer station, residential waste and recycling convenience centers, household hazardous waste and multi-material recycling drop-off facilities. To learn more, visit [www.wakegov.com/recycling](http://www.wakegov.com/recycling).

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