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Don't Trash Old Pumpkins, Recycle Them!

Bring your jack-o'-lantern to a food waste recycling site for composting

Halloween may be over, but rotting pumpkins on front porches can be just as scary as any ghoul or goblin. Wake County is encouraging residents to give their jack-o'-lanterns a second life through composting, instead of throwing them in the trash.

Residents can bring pumpkins to any of the following [Wake County Food Waste Recycling Sites](#), where they will be collected along with other food waste for composting.

- 5216 Knightdale-Eagle Rock Road, Knightdale
- 3600 Yates Mill Pond Road, Raleigh
- 9024 Deponie Drive, Raleigh
- 2001 Durham Road, Wake Forest

Any decorations or candles must be removed from pumpkins. Painted pumpkins will not be accepted.

Food waste makes up approximately 15 percent of the waste generated by Wake County residents. Through the food waste recycling program, an average of 4,000 to 6,000 pounds of food waste is diverted from the landfill each month.

[Wake County's Solid Waste Management Division](#) accepts a wide variety of compostable food waste at their designated recycling sites all year long, such as fruit and vegetable scraps, meat and dairy, as well as paper napkins.

As the holiday season gets underway, residents can bring their pumpkins, gourds, squash and other food waste items for recycling. Any food that is brought to a facility for recycling must be taken out of its packaging.

Visit [our website](#) to learn more.

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.

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