



NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Communications Office
John Hamlin, Communications Specialist
John.Hamlin@wakegov.com, 919-856-7537
Communications Office After Hours, 919-857-WAKE
wakegov.com/news

For Release: April 22, 2019

Make Any Day Earth Day with Free Resources from Wake County

Free event recycling and litter cleanup kits available

Is Earth Day inspiring you to take better care of your environment? Wake County can help you “go green” with free tools to reduce waste at your next picnic or party, and kits that make it easy to organize a litter cleanup event.

“We love Earth Day, because it gets everyone talking about ways to reduce waste and clean up our natural environment,” said Bianca Howard, Wake County’s solid waste outreach manager. “Whether you’re ready to get started today or you’re planning for an event several months from now, Wake County has free resources to help you make any day Earth Day.”

Free Recycling, Compost and Trash Bins for Events

If you’re planning a family picnic, wedding, neighborhood block party or school festival, what to do with your waste isn’t usually the first thing that comes to mind. Wake County wants to help change that by offering easy ways to keep recyclable and compostable items out of the landfill.

The county has 25 portable waste stations – complete with separate bins for recycling, composting and trash – available to borrow for free for your next event. Is it small or large? Public or private? The bins can accommodate them all. They're easy to transport and include bags and signage that help attendees sort recyclable and compostable materials.

“Many of us already recycle at home, and this program is the perfect next step in continuing that green mindset,” Wake County Environmental Program Coordinator Sara Davarbakhsh said. “You’d be surprised how much of the waste generated at events can be recycled or composted.”

Drink bottles and cans are great examples of items that are simple to recycle in our bins. Food scraps, paper napkins and pizza boxes are the perfect contributions to our compost bins. In all, about a third of the waste generated in Wake County is recyclable, and another 25% can be composted.

Reserving the bins is a cinch. Just fill out a reservation form online at wakegov.com/eventrecycling and submit it two weeks before your event. You can pick up the bins in downtown Raleigh at the Wake County Office Building, 336 Fayetteville St., or at the North Wake Field Office, 9025 Deponie Drive, Raleigh.

Once you're done, you can drop off everything you collected at any of our 11 solid waste convenience centers located around the county. Bins must be returned to the location where you picked them up.

Free Litter Cleanup Kits

Do you live in Wake County and want to organize a litter cleanup event in your community? Our anti-litter campaign, [86it](http://86it.com), has you covered! Just fill out the form at 86it.com/litter-clean-up-kit a couple of weeks ahead of your event. We'll even deliver the kits to you and pick them up when you're done.

Litter cleanup kits include everything you need to help beautify our environment:

- Safety vests
- Litter grabbers
- Garbage and recycling bags
- Litter clean-up safety guide

Snap a few photos during your cleanup and use the hashtag #86it on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). We love to share photos of our 86ers in action!

###

wakegov.com



@wakegov

