INFORMATION REGARDING WASTE DISPOSAL

All residential landfill services are included in the annual solid waste fee, which is added to the County tax bill.

ITEMS NOT CONTRACTED FOR COLLECTION BY THE TOWN OF MINT HILL

- Scrap aluminum & ferrous metal (bed frames, swing sets, etc.); Motor oil/antifreeze/transmission fluid (No brake fluids!) & oil filters; Tires (no more than 4); Batteries (Lead acid [car], household, Ni-CD rechargeable); Paint (oil and water based); Fire extinguishers; Eye glasses; Foam rubber (carpet padding, car seats without the fabric, etc.); Used clothing in good condition; Household garbage from County residents everything that can't be recycled or composted & bulky waste (mattresses, chairs, etc.); Computers (residential only)
- Construction/Demolition Debris (Waste from household projects for a fee of \$18.00 per pickup truck or trailer 10 ft. or less.) Acceptable materials include: Wood waste framing timbers, pallets, crates, spools, sheathing, treated lumber/decking; Inert material concrete, brick, asphalt pavement, mortar, sheetrock, rock, gravel; Plastic pipe, buckets, wrap; Other fiberglass bath fixtures, tile, ceramic, carpet & padding
- Leaves, brush, grass clippings (un-bagged); Pallets (unpainted and treated) for a fee of \$1 per cubic yard with a \$7.00 minimum charge (Call 704/588-9070 for fees and vehicle requirements.)
- * Limbs and shrubbery clippings in piles exceeding four feet wide, four feet high and five feet long placed at the curb for collection. Removal/disposal of excessive yard waste, including limbs and clippings, are the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you have any of these items to dispose of, please carry them directly to the proper facility or make arrangements to have them picked up by a private source. See *KEY* below.

*Private Demolition Landfills will take excessive limbs, tree stumps, wood blocks or logs and clean dirt. Check the yellow pages of your phonebook for the demolition landfill nearest your residence.

If you have comments or questions about your collection service, please call the Mint Hill Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance. The Town of Mint Hill currently contracts with R.C.S., Inc. for our solid waste collection services - 704/376-9359.

The following facilities are available for Mecklenburg County residents:

KEY:	
@☆☆	Hickory Grove Recycle Center, 8007 Pence Road, 704/535-3020 or 704/535-3781; TuesSat. 7am - 3pm
© <u>\$</u> ☆	Fox Hole - 17131 Lancaster Hwy. (Take I-485 to Johnston Road South - On Left Just Before State Line - 3 Miles Past Ballentyne Commons) 704/341-4962; MonFri./7am-4pm & Sat.7am-3pm
@☆☆	North Mecklenburg Recycling Center, 12300 N. Statesville Rd., Huntersville, 704/875-3707 or 704/875-1563; TuesSat. 7am-3pm
☆	Compost Central, 5631 W. Boulevard, 704/588-9070; MonFri. 7am-5pm & Sat. 7am-3pm

SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF MINT HILL

The following are ways in which you can help us provide each household with better pickup at the most economical rate. Please see the back of this letter for information regarding instructions for disposing of items we do not contract to pick up. Your help will allow us to try to keep your taxes lower and give you the best service your money can provide. With approximately 6,700 homes to service, standardization is essential. We cannot list everything contracted to be picked up; if you have questions about getting something picked up, please call our office (704/545-9726) or that of our contractor, R.C.S., Inc. (704/376-9359). Holiday schedules will be published in the *Mecklenburg Neighbors* section of the Charlotte Observer and the *Mint Hill Post*.

GARBAGE - BACKYARD:

- 1. Backyard pickup is provided <u>once a week</u> and contracted for a maximum limit of 3 containers (30 32 gallons each). Containers are provided by the resident.
- 2. Containers should be accessible at each house to service men without opening doors or gates by 7:00 a.m. (Pickup times vary according to location.) Containers should always be kept in the same location.
- 3. A more sanitary service will be provided if your waste is bagged, but this is not required.
- 4. Waste for backyard pickup should be household garbage only, not recyclables or curbside items.
- 5. Dogs should be either confined or restrained on pickup days. Service may be denied if this requirement is not followed.

RECYCLABLES - CURBSIDE: Bins should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. the morning of your pickup.

- 1. Only clean newsprint is acceptable and should be tied or put in paper bags. Paper bags are now recyclable.
- 2. Glass containers (rinsed with lids removed) are accepted. Remove and discard lids from glass jars. (No drinking glasses, windowpanes, mirrors.)
- 3. Plastic containers displaying the #1 or #2 recycle symbols are accepted. (Includes milk jugs, drink bottles, laundry and dish washing detergent bottles.) Always empty, rinse, flatten (if possible) and remove lids.
- 4. Metal, aluminum and juice cans are acceptable if rinsed and lids removed. (Place lids inside containers.)
- 5. Spiral wrap cans (frozen juice containers, peanut containers and potato chips). (Metal lids, top and bottom are okay, remove and discard plastic lids.)

DO NOT MIX PAPER AND OTHER RECYCLABLES. Papers should be placed either on top of or under the bin. DO NOT PUT CARDBOARD, PLASTIC BAGS, STYROFOAM OR "TAKE-OUT" BOXES IN BINS.

RUBBISH AND YARD WASTE - CURBSIDE: Rubbish and yard waste should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and weigh no more than 75 lbs. per pickup.

- 1. <u>Items contracted for pickup at the curb are</u>: Magazines, cardboard boxes and packing materials; clothing, bagged; grass clippings and leaves in bags/cans (10 bag limit). Limbs and brush should be separated from other waste. These should be left not more than 5 ft. in length and not over 6 inches in diameter. Never place more than one (1) pile of limbs or brush, approximately 4 feet high by 4 feet wide and 5 feet in length, at the curb each week. <u>If yard debris exceeds these specifications</u>, no service will be provided. Appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers) will be picked up if prearranged by contacting R.C.S., Inc. 704/376-9359.
- 2. No pickup is provided for: carpet, partially filled paint cans, oil or other petroleum products, batteries, rubber tires or any material not acceptable at the landfill. Absolutely NO building materials, wood blocks, tree stumps or logs.
- 3. The following items will be picked up at the curb, but have special requirements for pickup: Broken glass, flourescent and television tubes should be securely wrapped to prevent injury to the collection crews.



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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR TOWN OF MINT HILL

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SERVICE

Having received several proposals for solid waste services, the Town of Mint Hill has chosen to continue contracting with Residential Collection Service, Inc. (RCS) to provide garbage service to single-family dwelling units within the Town's corporate limits. The new contract, effective June 30, 2003, will bring the following changes to the Town's solid waste collection services:

Instead of providing each single-family dwelling unit with backyard collection of two 30 - 32 gallon containers twice weekly, backyard service will change to ONCE WEEKLY beginning June 30, 2003; however, the number of containers for this service will increase to a maximum of three containers (30 - 32 gallons each).

Recycling and curbside (rubbish and yard waste) service will continue to be provided once weekly, although beginning June 30, 2003, collection of recyclables, rubbish, limbs and other yard waste (curbside service) will take place on the same day as your backyard service.

Some specifications will also change. For example, <u>limbs/clippings will no longer be chipped (mulched)</u>; therefore, specifications have changed with regard to the length of <u>limbs</u>. Please be aware that limbs and tree/shrubbery clippings are limited to <u>one pile</u> no more than <u>four feet high</u>, four feet wide, and five feet long. <u>If yard debris exceeds these specifications</u>, no service will be provided. (See enclosed sheet for details.) Another change to be noted is that <u>household appliances will now be collected if prearranged through the Contractor</u>.

The Contractor will service households in zones, with each zone having an assigned collection day. The day assigned to provide <u>backyard (household garbage)</u>, recycling and curbside (rubbish and yard waste) service for your property address is:

MONDAY

Details regarding the Town's solid waste collection services are enclosed. If you have any questions after reading this information, please do not hesitate to call the Mint Hill Town Hall at 704-545-9726.