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## News Release

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**Share!** Durham delays opening City government offices Fri., Feb. 27; [www.DurhamNC.gov](http://www.DurhamNC.gov)

### **Durham Delays Opening City Government Offices Tomorrow**

*Solid Waste Curbside Collections Resume Friday Road Conditions Permitting;  
Residents May Bring Trash and Recycling at No Cost to Waste Disposal & Recycling  
Center*

DURHAM, N.C. – On Friday, February 27, the opening of City government offices (including City Hall) and other non-emergency City operations will be delayed until 10 a.m.

Road conditions permitting, the City's Solid Waste Management Department will work to complete its Wednesday collections on Friday, with Thursday collections taking place on Saturday. If carts are not collected on either Friday or Saturday, residents are asked to leave their carts at the curb for collection as soon as trucks are able to get safely into their neighborhoods. "We want to thank our residents for their patience as we recover from two weeks of winter weather," said Solid Waste Management Director Donald Long. "We know this has been a trying time for everyone and we will do our best to get caught up on collections as quickly and safely as possible."

According to Long, the department is also waiving the disposal fee until March 6 for residents who prefer to bring their trash and recycling directly to the City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center (Transfer Station). The Center, along with the Household Hazardous Waste Center, will open at 9 a.m. on Friday and is located at 2115 E. Club Blvd. Any questions or concerns regarding solid waste collection schedule changes should be directed to Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200.

Residents are reminded to be careful of any downed power lines and report them to Duke Energy Carolinas at 800-POWERON or 800-769-3766 (English), or 866-4APAGON or 866-427-2466 (Español). Residents are also asked to use alternative heating sources carefully in the event of power outages. To report downed trees on city streets, residents should contact the Durham Emergency Communications Center non-emergency line at (919) 560-4600 unless the downed tree presents an immediate, life-threatening hazard; then call 9-1-1.

For weather-related updates regarding Durham Parks and Recreation facilities and operating hours, call the DPR weather line at (919) 560-4636. Updates will also be available at <http://www.DPRPlayMore.org> and <http://Facebook.com/DurhamParksandRecreation>.

Residents and property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal in their driveways, apartment access roads, parking lots and sidewalks. The clearing of private streets is the responsibility of the homeowners within that subdivision. In order to facilitate snow and ice removal on city streets, residents can help by adhering to the following tips:

- Stay off the roads if at all possible.
- Drive very slowly and carefully. If involved in a property damage wreck, motorists should pull off the road to prevent additional accidents and remember that it may take some additional time for an officer to respond to the accident due to icy road conditions.
- If at all possible, park cars off the street or highway to let salt-and-sand spreaders pass with ease.
- Treat intersections with malfunctioning traffic lights as four-way stops and proceed with caution.

Residents and City employees are encouraged to stay up-to-date on information about City operational hours, program or service changes, trash collection delays, and more by:

- Visiting <http://www.DurhamNC.gov>
- Liking <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC>
- Following <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC>
- Contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200
- Watching Durham Television Network (Time Warner Cable channel 8, 97-5 and AT&T U-verse channel 99)

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