

# News Release

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## **Durham Hosts E-Waste & Textile Recycling, Paper Shredding Event June 1**

*Free Event Open to All Durham Residents*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents looking for an easy and free way to recycle electronic waste (e-waste) and old textiles and clothing as well as shred confidential documents should attend the City of Durham’s E-Waste, Textile Recycling and Paper Shredding event next month.

The City’s Solid Waste Management Department is hosting this free event on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northgate Mall, located at 1058 W. Club Blvd., in the former Sears Auto Center parking lot. Staff will be on hand to assist with unloading old electronics, paper, and textiles.

### **E-Waste Recycling**

Nearly all electronic devices with a cord will be accepted including:

- Computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, printers, monitors, speakers, copiers, scanners, circuit boards, hard drives, computer parts, etc.
- Televisions, stereo equipment, tape players, receivers, amplifiers, record players, etc.
- Kitchen electronics, such as microwaves, mixers, blenders, choppers, etc.
- Telephones, cell phones, and fax machines
- Hair dryers, curling irons, alarm clocks, and vacuum cleaners
- Power tools, cordless tools, etc.
- Electronic toys, such as keyboards and video game systems
- This event will **NOT** accept large appliances, refrigerators, air conditioners or any other appliances that contain Freon in non-working condition.

Durham residents who can’t attend this event can still safely and conveniently recycle their old electronics at no charge at the [City’s Waste Disposal and Recycling Center](#) (Transfer Station), located at 2115 E. Club Blvd. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

### **Textile Recycling**

Items accepted on site by [Green Zone](#) should be dry and clean and can be left in less-than-perfect condition (worn, torn or stained):

- Bedding (comforter, sheets, pillow cases, blankets)
- Belts
- Boots
- Coats
- Curtains/Draperies
- Dresses
- Flip flops
- Halloween costumes
- Hats
- Jackets
- Jeans

- Jerseys (sports)
- Napkins (cloth)
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Pet beds and clothing
- Pillows
- Purses
- Scarves
- Shirts
- Shoes (single or in pairs)
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Slippers
- Socks (single or in pairs)
- Stuffed animals
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Table linens
- Ties
- Towels
- T-shirts
- Undergarments

### **Paper Shredding**

Confidential paper shredding will also be provided on site during this event. Shredding requirements include:

- Paper may contain paper clips and staples; however, hanging file folders will not be accepted.
- Only paper should be brought for shredding. CDs, DVDs, and other non-paper items will not be accepted.
- All paper should be loose and not in binders or other binding items made of non-paper.
- Residents may be present to observe their confidential document shredding if the amount to be shredded can fit into one 96-gallon roll cart (approximately 240 pounds of material or approximately eight small, banker boxes of material).
- Participants with larger quantities will have items placed in boxes to be shredded off-site at Shimar Recycling's secure facility.

### **About the City of Durham Solid Waste Management Department**

The [Solid Waste Management Department](#) promotes and supports a high quality of life for the residents of Durham by providing comprehensive, responsive, environmentally-safe, efficient and cost-effective solid waste collection, recycling and disposal programs. Department services include roll-out cart collection, cart delivery and repair service, cardboard collection, yard waste collection, waste reduction and recycling, bulky item pick-up, and disposal services. The Department supports the [City's Strategic Plan](#) by providing professional management that contributes to creating thriving, livable neighborhoods as well as an innovative and high-performing organization.

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