The Town of Matthews encourages all citizens and businesses to recycle. In addition to garbage and yard waste collection, curbside recycling is provided free of charge. The Town has launched a voluntary recycle program for small businesses that are eligible to receive garbage collection in Matthews. It is provided at no cost to participating businesses.

**Containers**
The Town provides each residence with a 96-gallon green recycling cart, and collects recyclables every other week the same day the blue garbage cart is collected. Additional recycling containers are available for a one time fee, contact the Town of Matthews. One blue 96-gallon can for trash is provided also. Additional trash containers are available for a monthly charge, contact Republic Services at 704.393.6900.

**Collection**
Garbage and recycling containers must be curbside by 6:30 am on collection day. All carts should be placed three feet away from each other or other obstructions, such as mailboxes. Carts must be placed with the handle facing the residence and the silver bar facing the street. Overflow recyclable items may be placed in a clear plastic bag and placed beside the recycling cart.

**Accepted Recyclables**
All recyclables should be placed directly in recycling containers. Please do NOT bag recyclables. See page three for acceptable items.

**Bulky Waste**
Special pick up for white goods and bulky items, such as stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, mattresses, carpet (must be rolled and tied) and furniture can be scheduled by calling 704.393.6900.

**Yard Trimmings**
Leaves and grass clippings must be bagged in clear bags or other bags left open so the driver can see the contents. Bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each, with a 20 bag limit per week. (Drivers can spend no more than 20 minutes per home collecting yard trimmings). Branches must be cut to no more than 4 feet long and 5 inches in diameter. Stack limbs in small enough piles that an individual is able to handle. Do not block sidewalk or street.

**Closest Full-Service Drop-off Centers**
- Hickory Grove Recycling Center at 8007 Pence Road
- Foxhole Recycling Center at 17131 Lancaster Highway. (See page 8.)