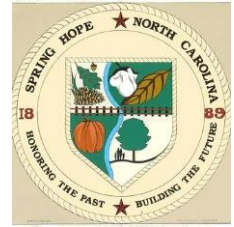


# Town of Spring Hope, NC



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## September Manager's Message – Leaf and Limb Guidelines

On behalf of all Town staff, we thank you for your patience during this time of transition from contract services to having our own personnel and equipment.

The policies and information in these guidelines is not significantly different than previous guidelines and is effective immediately.

The information in this message replaces any previous resident guides and policies. As such, we are making needed interim changes to the Leaf and Limb guidelines:

- ✓ Town staff will resume leaf and limb according to the published calendar for pick up.
- ✓ The Town will NOT pick up debris from contractors. If you hire a contractor to trim trees, shrubs, or landscape the contractor is responsible for removing the debris.
- ✓ Always keep leaves and limbs separate from each other. The facility that accepts our yard debris requires leaves, limbs, and other organic material to be separate.
- ✓ Package yard debris, leaves especially, in bags, barrels, bins, or carts.
- ✓ Loose leaves will no longer be picked up. The Town does not currently have a piece of equipment to pick up loose leaves.
- ✓ Limbs must be four foot (4') lengths or less.
- ✓ Limbs must be less than six inches (6") in diameter.
- ✓ Town staff will pick up approximately four cubic yards (the volume of a pick up truck bed). This is essential to continue to keep the costs of leaf and limb manageable.
- ✓ The Town will charge \$75/hour (added to utility bill) and reserves the right to charge additional dump fees if Town staff are utilized to remove contractor or excess (greater than 4 cubic yards) yard debris/leaf and limbs. This is a necessary service fee to recoup time and funds.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. These small steps will ensure that the FY23 budget will continue to accommodate leaf and limb pick up for the balance of the fiscal year.