



TOMORROW: Join Us for the Concord International Festival in Downtown Concord!

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PRESENT

Concord International Festival



NEW DATE

October 11, 2025
12 PM - 6 PM • Downtown Concord

FREE ADMISSION

CONCORDINTERNATIONALFESTIVAL.COM

We're partnering with El Puente Hispano to bring a day full of music, dancing, delicious foods, and traditions from around the globe right to the streets of Downtown Concord. Join us from noon until 6 p.m.!

Learn more and check out the entertainment lineup online at concordinternationalfestival.com.

Congratulations To Our Fall Litter Sweep Winners!

First Place: Mountain Laurel HOA



Second Place: Silver Hill Community



Third Place: Residents of Historic Concord



A huge thank-you to all the neighborhoods who participated in this year's Fall Litter Sweep! Your time and effort helped keep our community clean and beautiful.

We're proud to recognize our top neighborhoods who collected the most bags of litter:

- **1st Place – Mountain Laurel – \$200**
- **2nd Place – Silver Hill – \$150**
- **3rd Place – Residents of Historic Concord – \$100**

Your dedication to making Concord a cleaner place truly makes a difference. Thank you again to everyone who joined us between September 13–20, we couldn't do it without you!

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Mark your calendars, Concord's most cherished holiday traditions are back!

28th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Sponsored by Eli Lilly, on Friday, November 21, 6–8:30 p.m. in Downtown Concord.

Enjoy live music, kids' activities, food trucks, Santa & Mrs. Claus photos, and a fireworks finale. Don't miss the illuminated City vehicle display competition, where you get to vote for the most festive creation!

97th Annual Concord Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.

Join over 20,000 residents and visitors for North Carolina's longest-running historic downtown parade. Experience marching bands, festive floats, and the arrival of Santa himself along the traditional parade route on Church and Union streets.

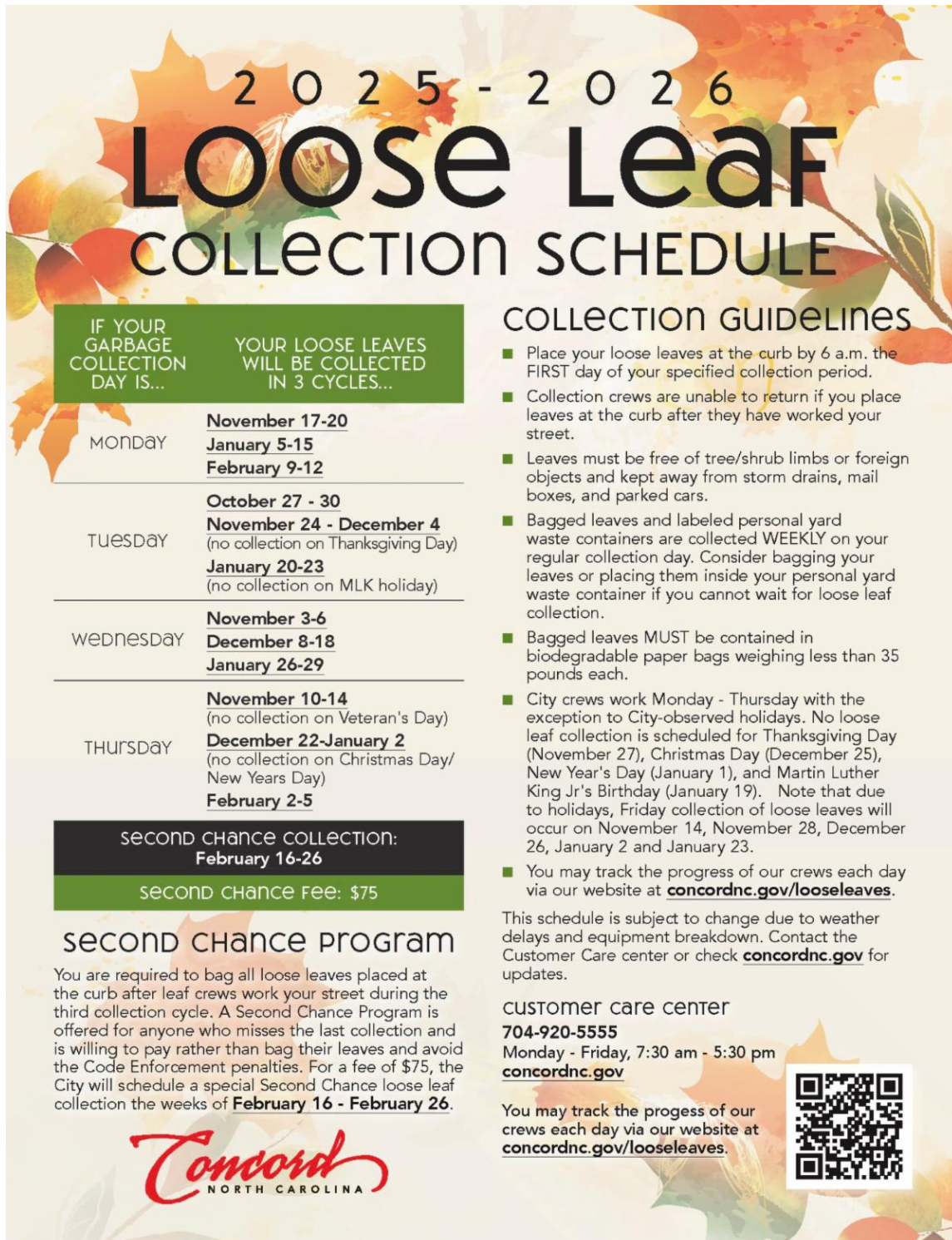
If your school, school band, dance group, church or civic organization would like to participate, [parade registration is open online](#).

Special Invitation for Recognized Neighborhoods

Again this year, we have a float reserved for recognized neighborhoods! We would love for our neighborhood leaders to join us in celebrating the season! It's a wonderful way to represent your community and spread holiday cheer.

If you would like to reserve a spot for your neighborhood on the float, please [email Community Outreach Coordinator, Raeshawn Palmer](#), or call

Fall Loose Leaf Collection Season is Almost Here



2025 - 2026

Loose Leaf Collection Schedule

IF YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR LOOSE LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED IN 3 CYCLES...
MONDAY	November 17-20 January 5-15 February 9-12
TUESDAY	October 27 - 30 November 24 - December 4 (no collection on Thanksgiving Day) January 20-23 (no collection on MLK holiday)
WEDNESDAY	November 3-6 December 8-18 January 26-29
THURSDAY	November 10-14 (no collection on Veteran's Day) December 22-January 2 (no collection on Christmas Day/ New Years Day) February 2-5

SECOND CHANCE COLLECTION:
February 16-26

SECOND CHANCE Fee: \$75

second chance program

You are required to bag all loose leaves placed at the curb after leaf crews work your street during the third collection cycle. A Second Chance Program is offered for anyone who misses the last collection and is willing to pay rather than bag their leaves and avoid the Code Enforcement penalties. For a fee of \$75, the City will schedule a special Second Chance loose leaf collection the weeks of **February 16 - February 26**.

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COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Place your loose leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. the FIRST day of your specified collection period.
- Collection crews are unable to return if you place leaves at the curb after they have worked your street.
- Leaves must be free of tree/shrub limbs or foreign objects and kept away from storm drains, mail boxes, and parked cars.
- Bagged leaves and labeled personal yard waste containers are collected WEEKLY on your regular collection day. Consider bagging your leaves or placing them inside your personal yard waste container if you cannot wait for loose leaf collection.
- Bagged leaves MUST be contained in biodegradable paper bags weighing less than 35 pounds each.
- City crews work Monday - Thursday with the exception to City-observed holidays. No loose leaf collection is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day (November 27), Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1), and Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday (January 19). Note that due to holidays, Friday collection of loose leaves will occur on November 14, November 28, December 26, January 2 and January 23.
- You may track the progress of our crews each day via our website at concordnc.gov/looseleaves.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather delays and equipment breakdown. Contact the Customer Care center or check concordnc.gov for updates.

CUSTOMER CARE CENTER
704-920-5555
Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
concordnc.gov

You may track the progress of our crews each day via our website at concordnc.gov/looseleaves.



The leaves are starting to fall and cooler temperatures are on the way, which means it's almost Loose Leaf Collection Season in Concord!

During this time, residents may place un-bagged leaves at the curb for collection during their assigned week.

Here are a few important reminders before you start raking:

- Leaves must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the first day of

your assigned collection week.

- Leaves must be free of tree and shrub limbs or foreign objects.
- Keep leaves away from storm drains, mailboxes, and parked cars.
- Bagged leaves and labeled personal containers will still be collected weekly during your regular garbage and yard waste collection.

To find your assigned collection week, visit our website, linked below.

[Learn more](#)



FALL 2025

SAFE DISPOSAL EVENT

Saturday, October 25
9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Village Shopping Center Parking Lot
280 Concord Parkway S

Paper Shredding



Electronic Recycling



Unused/Expired Medication Disposal





Fall Safe Disposal Event – October 25

The City of Concord, Cabarrus County Government, and Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont invite you to the **Fall Safe Disposal Event on Saturday, October 25**, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Shopping Center parking lot (280 Concord Parkway S.)

This drive-thru event gives residents and business owners the opportunity to safely and responsibly dispose of sensitive materials in an environmentally friendly way.

Accepted Items:

- Paper: Limited to 5 trash bags or bankers boxes per person
- Electronic Waste: Televisions, computers, and other devices
- Unused or Expired Medications: Collected safely by the City of Concord Police Department

Please note: needles will not be accepted.

Protect your privacy, clean out your clutter, and help keep Concord safe and sustainable!

FAIR HOUSING: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, KNOW THE LAW

Join us for a free webinar on fair housing laws and tenant's rights

ENGLISH SESSION

 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

 VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

REGISTER TODAY!

 [WWW.CABARRUSCOUNTY.US/
FAIRHOUSING](http://WWW.CABARRUSCOUNTY.US/FAIRHOUSING)



Join us for a free virtual webinar to learn about fair housing laws and tenant's rights. This session will help residents understand their legal protections and how to recognize and report housing discrimination.

English Session Details:

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Virtual Presentation

This event is hosted in partnership with the City of Concord, City of Kannapolis, Cabarrus County, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Prosperity Unlimited, and El Puente Hispano.

[Register Here](#)

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

FREE VIRTUAL MEETING FOR LENDERS & REALTORS

October 28, 2025

LENDERS: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Register: concordnc.gov/LendersMeeting

REALTORS: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Register: concordnc.gov/RealtorsMeeting



The **City of Concord**, **Prosperity Unlimited, Inc.**, and the **Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity** are partnering to host a **free virtual workshop** for lenders on federal and state Fair Housing laws.

During this session, participants will also learn about **state and local programs** that help homebuyers with **down payment and closing cost assistance**. Presenters will share eligibility guidelines, application requirements, and upcoming deadlines for these valuable resources.

This workshop is a great opportunity for lenders to expand their knowledge and better support homebuyers in overcoming financial barriers to homeownership.

Registration is free but required. Participants may register online using the links below, registration will remain open through the day of the event.

Virtual Annual Workshop for **Lenders:**

• October 28, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Registration Link: concordnc.gov/LendersMeeting

Virtual Annual Workshop for **Realtors**:

- October 28, 2025
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Registration Link: concordnc.gov/RealtorsMeeting



Street resurfacing work is complete downtown, including on Union Street North and South. There are items that need further attention on Union Street, like the manhole covers and stormwater drainage in certain areas. The contractor will come back to work on those items in the coming months but must first complete work on the remaining streets scheduled for resurfacing. You can view those streets on our [project map online](#).

With any construction contract, it's common to have items on a "punchlist" that we require contractors to address before the final payment is made and work is closed. Thank you for your patience as our annual street preservation work continues.

MONTHLY TIPS

Tips For Avoiding Potential Scams

SCAM ALERT

TIPS FOR AVOIDING POTENTIAL SCAMS



We want you to stay safe online and be aware of online and email scams impersonating the City. Here are a few tips for staying safe online:

- The City will never ask you to wire funds for payment
- Emails from City of Concord employees come from @concordnc.gov. We do not have a USA[.]com email address, and we do not use gmail[.]com addresses for official City business.
- Look for incorrect grammar, misspelled words, incorrect names, and misused and poor-quality City logos.
- Before sending any money, call us using a phone number you know is correct, like our customer care line or the direct contact you are working with at the City.

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