



BRUNSWICK SPOTLIGHT

Our Mission

The government of Brunswick County, North Carolina exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life. In partnership with our communities, we pledge to deliver cost-effective services in a personal, responsive, respectful and innovative manner, to our residents and visitors alike.

Plastic Bottles

Brunswick County residents should be aware of the plastic bottle landfill disposal ban that went into effect October 1st of this year. This statewide ban prohibits any recyclable plastic bottle from entering a North Carolina landfill. Motor oil bottles and pesticide containers are excluded.

This ban is not intended to penalize those who put a plastic bottle in the trash, but to remind North Carolinians about the consequences of all those bottles entering the waste stream. According to the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance, each year more than 2.4 billion plastic bottles are sent to North Carolina landfills. Not only does this prematurely fill our landfills, it also takes away from the 14,000 North Carolinians who work in the recycling industry.

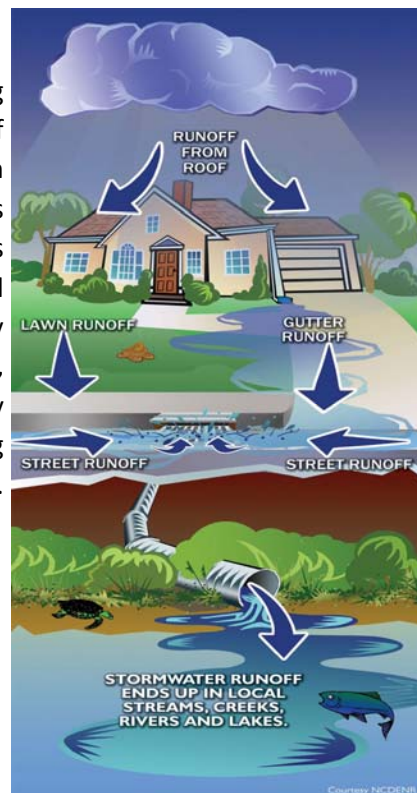
It is easy to recycle your plastic bottles in Brunswick County through the recycling programs offered. We have a co-mingled recycling program. Whether you have curbside pick-up or you're using one of the recycling/convenience sites, all of the recyclables are placed in the same recycling container. This includes the plastic bottles #1 through #7. All collected recycling is then taken to a MRF (Material Recovery Facility) for sorting. Once sorted these materials are ready to enter the recycling process and in a very short period of time will be back on the shelves for your use.

Let's make Brunswick County a recycling leader of plastic bottles in North Carolina. To request more information about Brunswick County's recycling program contact the Solid Waste/Recycling Department at 910-253-2524 or by email at kthompson@brunswick.net.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that "runs off" across the land instead of seeping into the ground. As land is developed in Brunswick County, stormwater runoff is increased due to impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and roads being constructed. This runoff usually flows untreated into the nearest stream, creek, river, or ocean, picking up and carrying many substances that pollute water and increasing erosion and flooding problems downstream. Some types of stormwater pollutants are:

- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Automotive fluids
- Carwash soap
- Pet waste
- Litter
- Yard debris (grass clippings and leaves)
- Sediment from construction, bare soil, or agricultural land



Impacts of Stormwater Runoff

- Fish kills
- Algal blooms
- Foul odors
- Habitat destruction
- Unsightly appearance
- Aquatic weeds
- Waters closed to shellfishing
- Contaminated drinking water
- Recreation/Economic impacts

It is the purpose of the Brunswick County Stormwater Program to meet the current and anticipated needs for stormwater services and to protect public and private properties, rivers, estuaries, and other water bodies from unnecessary damage due to increased stormwater runoff.

Things you can do to help:

- Never put anything into a storm drain, drainage ditch, or creek.
- Always clean up after your pet.
- Use native plants to reduce fertilizer and pesticide use.
- Keep yard waste out of storm drains, ditches, and streets. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to act as a natural fertilizer.
- Put litter in the trash.
- Wash your car on the grass or at a commercial carwash.
- Recycle used auto fluids, like oil and antifreeze, at an auto parts store or at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Dispose of chemicals, like paint and pesticides, at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Check your vehicle for leaks and repair them.

For more information contact Brunswick County Stormwater at (910) 253-2405 or email us engineer@brunswick.net.

Government Center Holiday Closings: Thanksgiving—November 26 & 27
Christmas—December 24, 25 & 28

Landfill / Waste Industries Holiday Schedule

The Brunswick County Landfill will be closed on November 26 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday and on December 25 in observation of Christmas. Waste Industries will observe the holidays on the same days as the landfill. Residential collections scheduled on the holiday will be collected on the Saturday following the holiday. All County convenience sites will be closed on Christmas day, December 25.

We would also like to remind you to recycle your live Christmas tree. Brunswick County residents may bring their Christmas trees to the landfill site through January free of charge.

Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling staff along with Waste Industries wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Attention all Customers:

Due to enforcement issues and our increased operating costs, the Brunswick County Landfill increased tipping fees effective September 1, 2009 for the following:

Municipal Solid Waste - \$56.00 per ton

Construction & Demolition Debris - \$56.00 per ton

Asbestos - \$56.00 per ton

Mobile Homes - \$56.00 per ton

Mobile Homes (that do not fit on the scale) - \$250.00 per single wide mobile home

Shingles - \$34.00 per ton

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



One New County Park Open—Two Others To Open Soon!

Brunswick County completes Phase I of three new parks. The parks are located throughout Brunswick County and offer new and exciting recreation opportunities and facilities for residents.

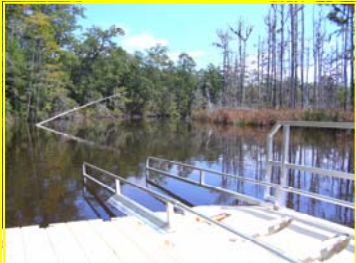
Cedar Grove Park, which is a joint school project with Cedar Grove Middle School, has two baseball fields, field house, football and soccer field, and two tennis courts. This is the first project of this kind in Brunswick County. The park not only provides needed recreation areas for the school, but also serves area residents. Cedar Grove Park opened on October 26, 2009.



Ocean Isle Beach Park amenities include eight tennis courts, a playground, a 300 seat pavilion amphitheater and a 5-acre multi-purpose field. Phase I of this project was funded by a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant. Future phases of this park call for a dog park, soccer fields, and walking trails.

Brunswick Nature Park, located in the Winnabow area, is a 911-acre preserve that includes a kayak/canoe launch site, and a picnic shelter and is partially funded by a CAMA grant. Future phases of this project call for a nature center, hiking and bike trails.

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation considers growth of its park system a high priority and we are committed to helping meet the needs of residents as well as visitors to our communities.



In The Spotlight...

The Brunswick County Veterans Service Office is a county office which is made available to serve veterans and their dependents and survivors by the taxpayers and County Commissioners of Brunswick County. Our office is here to provide VA related information and assistance with filing claims for benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for NC State benefits. We are located in building "F" in the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia, NC.



On October 13, 2009, The Department of Veterans Affairs added three new conditions to the Agent Orange List. This brings the VA's list of recognizable conditions in veterans that were exposed to Agent Orange up to 15.

The 15 conditions recognized by the VA are as follows: (1) Acute & Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy, (2) AL Amyloidosis, (3) B Cell Leukemias, (4) Chloracne, (5) Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, (6) Diabetes Mellitus Type II, (7) Hodgkin's Disease, (8) Ischemic Heart Disease, (9) Multiple Myeloma, (10) Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, (11) Parkinson's Disease, (12) Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, (13) Prostate Cancer, (14) Respiratory Cancer (lung, larynx, trachea, & bronchus), and (15) Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma).

Agent Orange is a defoliant that was used to kill vegetation during the Vietnam War in Vietnam and in Korea. In Korea it was only used from 1968 to 1969 along the Civilian Control Line to the Southern Border of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). If any veteran serving in these areas during these times has any of these medical conditions, they should contact our office to file a claim. Or, if the veteran is deceased and died from any of these conditions, his widow should contact our office.

For further information or to schedule an appointment to file a claim, call the Brunswick County Veterans Service Office at **253-2233** or, visit the Brunswick County website at www.brunswickcountync.gov and click on Veteran Services under the department listing.

