



Keep Brunswick County Beautiful / Brunswick County Recycling

KBCB Newsletter



Landfill Tour Opportunity

The Keep Brunswick County Beautiful Board is sponsoring a Landfill tour tomorrow, March 20th. We will be loading up the bus around 8:30 am. We do have a few seats open and if you are interested in going please contact the Solid Waste/ Recycling Office at 910-253-2524 (cell 910-617-6479). Sorry for the short notice. Normally this is for municipality representatives and KBCB volunteers but with the extra seats we decided to open it up to the public. Please call to reserve your seat. The available seats are on a first come first serve bases and must be reserved in advance. You will be given further detail upon calling in your reservation.



Spring Cleaning Time

It's that time of year again. We all start cleaning our closets, brightening up our furnishings, freshening up our porches and yards. To help with the spring cleaning Brunswick County sponsors a Spring Free Dump Week and Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off. Below is the information about these upcoming events.

Free Dump Week

Brunswick County will be hosting the spring free dump week at the Brunswick County Landfill April 15th through April 20th. Brunswick County residents may dispose of all materials except for regular household trash or new construction debris free of charge at the County Landfill in Bolivia (convenience centers will maintain regular tipping fees).



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Anyone driving a commercial vehicle or hauling commercial debris will be charged regular tipping fees. Proof of Brunswick County residency is required and will be checked at the Landfill entrance.

Please take into consideration when loading your vehicle that metal, tires, electronics, latex paint and yard debris **CAN NOT** be disposed of with regular household items. You may bring those items for disposal during free week but they must be placed in their designated area.

HHW Collection

On April 20th from 9 am until 2 pm Brunswick County Solid Waste and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be hosting a household hazardous waste and clothing collection at the Shallotte Middle School. The event will be held in the bus parking lot and is free to County residents and farmers only. When you arrive at the event please have proof of Brunswick County residency available. While at the event we ask that all residents remain in their vehicle and please extinguish any and all smoking material while on school property. All items brought to the event must be clearly labeled for identification purposes.



Typical Items

Accepted at HHW Event

- Paints
- Stains
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Household Cleaners
- Automotive Fluids
- Pool Chemicals
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- CFL's
- Aerosol Cans

Paper Shredding

In honor of Earth Day the Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling Department is sponsoring a shred day. We will have a paper shredding truck at the Brunswick County Complex on April 27, 2013 from 10 am until 2 pm. This event is open to all Brunswick County residents and businesses. This is a great time to clean out your file and know that your items are disposed of safely.

To determine the detention rate for documents visit the Government Records Branch of North Carolina at



www.records.ncdcr.gov.

Swap Shop

Please remember that usable items such as furniture, lawn equipment, small household items and usable latex paint should be placed in the Swap Shop at the landfill rather than disposing of it. This saves landfill space, tax payer money and may help out someone in the community. All items placed in the Swap Shop are free to County residents.



P.S.—Besides the Brunswick County Landfill Swap Shop we have many charity thrift stores in each municipality. The proceeds from these shops help certain causes through out the County. Check the phone book for a store near you.

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How Green is Your Garden?

Spring is the time when we all start thinking about gardening. Who doesn't like having fresh vegetables around (and fresh flowers). Besides the health benefits of the fresh vegetables, gardening also increases physical activity and provides lots of fresh air and vitamin D.

When you first start looking around your garden space and flower beds in the spring you will probably notice that some undesirable plants have taken up residency there. The first thing most people want to do is grab the *weed killer* but before you do that stop and think about what you are using. First of all it kills stuff, how good can that be for our soil and our insects (and yes we need some of those insects to have healthy and beautiful plants). Weed Killer may get the job done but chances are you will have to reapply through out the season, no matter what the bottle says, and I don't know about you but I don't want that stuff sprayed next to something that I'm planning on eating or feeding to my family.

With this first thought about the weed killer I started looking into safer and friendlier methods of gardening. I was pleasantly surprised to find lots and lots of information out there. Below I have listed a few sites that I found helpful and interesting but please don't assume that's all the info available. There's pages more if you just do a search for "green gardening" on you computer.

- <http://organicgardening.com/>
- www.motherearthnews.com/Organic-Gardening.aspx
- www.gardenguides.com/organic-gardening
- <http://earth911.com/recycling/garden/>
- www.organicgardentips.com
- www.sustainable-gardening-tips.com

Have fun and Happy planting!

