



Keep Brunswick County Beautiful / Brunswick County Recycling

KBCB Newsletter



State Recycling Ranks

Three Cheers for Brunswick County!!!



The residents of Brunswick County have something to be very proud of . . . Brunswick County is now ranked number 9 in the state for over all recycling with 206.9 pounds of recycling per person this past year. In common Household Recyclables, Per Capita Recovery, Brunswick County ranked 5th! Way to GO!!!! This is definitely something to shout about. The ranking in this release is based on collections prior to the availability of the new curbside program offered by Waste Industries. That being said, with the participation that we've seen in the curbside program, we should keep climbing the ranks.

Thank you to all residents, businesses and visitors for all of the recycling efforts you've demonstrated this past year. Keep up the good work!

To view the full report go to <http://bit.ly/11nKFYU>



Curbside Recycling

Just in case you finished reading the previous article and are now saying "What, curbside recycling?" I thought I would reprint the information about the curbside recycling program that is available to all residents of Brunswick County.

Waste Industries will provide recycling pickup bi-weekly to all residents in Brunswick County who wish to pay for the service. The service will include a blue 96 gallon cart that will be picked up every other week. They have managed to keep the rate very reasonable. The cost for one household will be about \$6.42 per month. This is billed annually and is around \$77.04 per year and is paid in advance. If you consider the time and gas that you spend running your recycling to the convenience sites or drop off areas \$6.42 a month is pretty good!



To sign up for the program contact Waste Industries at 910-253-4177.

What Goes In The Cart . . .

In Brunswick County we have what is called a commingled recycling program. This means all of your recyclable items go into one container.

Below is a list of what is considered recyclable in you household recycling cart.

- Plastic Containers 1 through 7 (no wrap or bags)
- Aluminum cans and foil
- Steel (tin) cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- All paper products (excluding items used for personal hygiene)

For more information about recycling visit the Brunswick County website at www.brunswickcountync.gov

Community Garden



Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Awards \$20,000 to Keep Brunswick County Beautiful

Donation to support grant program for local community improvement project

May 2, 2013 - Keep Brunswick County Beautiful and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) today announced a major gift in support of Keep Brunswick County Beautiful's mission to engage individuals in building and sustaining vibrant communities.

The Lowe's/Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant of \$20,000 is one of 75 merit-based grants awarded nationally to support grassroots community improvement projects including community gardens, tree plantings, litter and debris cleanups, recycling programs, park and playground restorations, and beautification efforts.

The KBCB grant will provide funding for Caswell Avenue Community Garden. The garden will be located in Southport on land owned by Brunswick Community College. The land is adjacent to the BCC Southport Annex Building. This project is a joint effort between Brunswick Community College, Keep Brunswick County Beautiful, the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Office, the Brunswick County Soil and Water Conservation District, Brunswick County Senior Alliance for Brunswick Senior Resources, Partners for Peace, Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling Department and the Brunswick County Master Gardeners. The Community Garden is a project that will promote active living through physical activity for all ages while providing healthy meal choices. The space will also serve as a location where community projects and outreach/education opportunities may be promoted. Garden spaces will be available to the public for a small rental fee per growing period.

Unrented spaces will be maintained by volunteers to support local food banks and homeless food kitchens. The gardens will be ready for rental by spring 2014. Anyone who would like to volunteer at the garden please contact the KBCB Office at 910-253-2524. "On behalf of Keep Brunswick County Beautiful I would like to express my gratitude to Lowe's, Keep America Beautiful, Brunswick Community College and all of the departments involved in making this project possible." Kimberley Thompson, KBCB Executive Director.

"Keep America Beautiful is proud of the positive impact that Keep Brunswick County Beautiful's project will have in the Town of Southport and the entire Brunswick County community," said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Matt McKenna. "We are truly grateful to Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for its support and leadership that is being demonstrated in community sustainability."

About Lowe's

Lowe's supports the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. The company's signature education grant program, [Lowe's Toolbox for Education](#)[®], has donated more than \$34 million to 7,500 K-12 public schools, benefiting more than 4 million schoolchildren. [Lowe's Heroes](#) employee volunteers support local community projects and our national nonprofit partners such as [Habitat for Humanity](#), [Rebuilding Together](#) and the [American Red Cross](#). In 2012, Lowe's and the [Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation](#) together contributed more than \$30 million to support communities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. To learn more, visit [Lowe's.com/SocialResponsibility](#).

About Keep Brunswick County Beautiful

Our organization is dedicated to bringing communities together to create a cleaner more beautiful space to live in. We sponsor beautification projects, litter clean ups and an annual Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. We also attend festivals and community events for the opportunity to educate individuals about the harmful effects of litter, the importance of waste reduction and to encourage beautification projects.



Waste Industries

Going Green

Has anyone looked out the window on trash pickup day and noticed the shiny new trucks rolling around the county? Probably not because more than likely you don't hear them when they are coming down the road (or at least not as well). Well the trucks aren't just new and quiet but they are running off of a different fuel. The new Waste Industries trucks that hit the road of Brunswick County on April 17th are running off of compressed natural gas (CNG). This was a \$15 million project for Waste Industries and includes the filling station, shop upgrades and vehicles. This is the largest, private CNG station in Brunswick County and the largest waste fleet fueled with CNG in North Carolina.

From start to finish, the project took just under a year. This was an environmental and financial decision made by Waste Industries. The implementation of the CNG fleet in Brunswick County will reduce Waste Industries' carbon footprint by lowering the carbon monoxide emissions by 77 percent; nitrogen oxide emissions by approximately 87 percent; particulate matter emissions by 95 percent; and greenhouse gases by 20 percent. The advantages of a CNG truck include a readily available domestic fuel source, reduced fuel cost, quieter, more efficient operation, lower emissions and less maintenance. This green project



is an expansion of Waste Industries' existing campus and another example of the company's commitment to provide safe, efficient and environmentally-sound solutions to their customers.



Since 1985, the Brunswick County branch has grown to employ 85 men and women who provide services to more than 79,000 homes and 1,500 businesses throughout Brunswick County and its beaches, towns and communities. As a result of this successful public/private partnership, Brunswick County will have one of the most modern and clean refuse truck fleets in North Carolina.