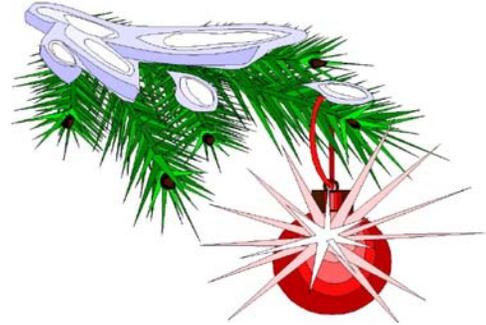


Keep Brunswick County Beautiful / Brunswick County Recycling

KBCB NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year!



Solid Waste Holiday Schedule

The Brunswick County Landfill will be closed on December 25, 2010 for Christmas. The landfill will operate on a normal schedule during New Years.

The four convenience sites throughout the County will close at 12, noon, on Friday, December 24th and will be closed on December 25th.

There will be no trash collection on Saturday, December 25th. Collections that normally would be on Saturday, December 25th will be collected on Monday, December 27th.

All programs, the landfill, convenience sites and collections, will operate on a normal schedule for New Year's.

If you have any questions concerning the holiday schedules please call the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at 910-253-2520 or Waste Industries at 910-253-4177.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Department will accept Christmas Trees at the Landfill in Bolivia free of charge throughout the month of January. Christmas Trees will also be accepted at Brunswick County's four convenience sites for a fee of \$5.00 per tree. This service will also be available through the month of January.

For more information, please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at (910) 253-2520 or the Landfill at (910) 253-8101. Landfill hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 am until 4 pm. The convenience sites are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 am until 6 pm.



Out With The Old . . . In With The New!

The Christmas holiday is a time for gatherings, wonderful food, a visit from Santa Clause and gift exchanges. This is also the time of year a lot people decide to upgrade their appliances, get a new computer, replace their television with the latest in electronics, buy new furniture or splurge on new outfits. It’s always exciting when we get new stuff whether we received it as a gift or bought it ourselves.

Who doesn’t like wearing new clothes or enjoy a new living room sofa, but when we bring these new items into our homes we often have to get rid of the items they are replacing or make room in our closets. There is nothing wrong with replacing items in our homes that we may be tired of but some of these things haven’t exceeded their lifespan. They are perfectly good and in usable condition. It may not be the height of fashion or have the crystal clear, truer than life, picture of your new LCD T.V. but someone could still use it and get many months or years of enjoyment out of these items.

There are many places throughout Brunswick County that will accept clothing and household donations. Check the yellow pages to find a convenient thrift store. Habitat for Humanity will sometimes even pick up donated items free of charge. If you need assistance finding a location for donations send an email to kthompson@brunsc.net. I’ll see if I can find a home for your “used-to-be” treasure.



Holiday Recycling



The holiday season bring lots of family gatherings, food and gift exchanges. This season also brings lots if trash. Please remember to recycle during this season whenever possible.

Most wrapping paper, tissue paper (for packaging) and boxes are recyclable. Unfortunately Styrofoam can not be recycled in the Brunswick County recycling program. If you have Styrofoam packaging, such as the peanuts, most shipping or packaging stores will take them off your hands. Plastic wrap is another item that can not be placed in our recycling program.

Brunswick County has four convenience sites throughout the County and recycling containers at eight of our County parks. For detailed information on locations and hours of operation please visit the County website at www.brunswickcountync.gov. If you have curbside recycling you may end up with more recyclables than you are able to fit into your tote or cart. If this occurs Waste Industries suggests that you put your excess recycling in a plastic bag (clear bag if possible) and place the bag on top of your tote or cart. Boxes may be flattened and placed under the recycling container. Please make sure there is a distinguishable difference between your recycling and your trash. At home I usually place my trash can on one side of my mailbox and my recycling tote and extra bags on the other side. This lets the guys know immediately that there is a difference. Another tip from Waste Industries is to flatten or crush cans and plastic bottles. This is not a necessity for recycling but it will allow you more room in your tote or cart.

KBCB Board Meeting

Keep Brunswick County Beautiful did not have a regular meeting during the month of December. The January meeting will be held at the Brunswick County Complex in building L at 5 pm on January 12th. The public is always invited to attend the KBCB meetings. The January meeting will be focused on officer elections. We also have several board seats that are open and need to be filled. If you are interested in serving as a board member please attend the January meeting.



The mission of Keep Brunswick County Beautiful is "To empower the citizens of Brunswick County for a cleaner community." Serving as a board member is a wonderful way to be involved and give back to your community. We participate in several County cleanup events as well as beautification and education programs. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new projects that would reach the community. If you are unable to make the commitment to serve as a board member consider coming to our meeting to sign up on our volunteer list. This is a way that you can become involved without the commitment of attending all of the meetings.

Whether you want to be on the KBCB board or would like to be placed on the volunteer list we look forward to seeing on January 12th.



Have a "Green" Christmas

Christmas is such a magical time. Re-connecting with friends, visiting family and let's not forget all the terrific food. It's a special time of year but Christmas can be tough on Mother Earth. There's a lot of excess purchasing, packaging and over all waste during the holiday season. Some waste is unavoidable but there are ways to minimize the impact the season has on our planet.

Below I've mentioned some ways to reduce your waste and be a bit more "Earth Friendly" during the holidays.

- According to Robert Lilienfeld, co-author of the book *Use Less Stuff* one holiday season's worth of un-recycled ribbon could literally tie a bow around the earth. Why not use cloth ribbons that could be used over or repurposed. For little girls presents (and some adults) hair bows work nicely and are part of the gift.
- Wrap presents with creative paper such as decorating grocery bags. This is a terrific project for children. What grandparent doesn't want a present wrapped in "*Little Johnny's*" art.
- Place presents in reusable shopping bags instead of buying paper gift bags or using wrapping paper.
- When purchasing wrapping paper and boxes make sure they are made with recycled material.
- Avoid Styrofoam cups and plates. Whenever possible use the "real" dishes.
- For those on your list who have everything, making a charitable donation in their name is a great way to go. This solves your shopping dilemma and is about as "green" as it gets.

These are just a few ideas. There's lots more out there and I'm sure you can come up with a few ideas of your own.

Merry Christmas!