



Keep Brunswick County Beautiful / Brunswick County Recycling

# KBCB Newsletter



## Solid Waste Schedule for Christmas and New Year's

### Landfill

The Brunswick County Landfill will be closed

Friday, December 23rd

Saturday, December 24th

Saturday, December 31st

### Brunswick County Convenience Sites

The Brunswick County Convenience Sites will be closed on

Saturday, December 24th



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Did you know that Americans purchase between thirty to thirty-five million real Christmas Trees each year? If you opted to use a live tree for Christmas make sure it's put to good use after the holiday season is over.

In Brunswick County you can make sure your tree is recycled (ground into mulch) by taking it to the Brunswick County Landfill or one of the Brunswick County Convenience Sites. Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling free of charge at the Brunswick County Landfill and they will be accepted at the Brunswick County Convenience Sites for a fee of \$5.00 per tree through the month of January. Please make sure all decorations and tinsel are removed before recycling it.

Yard Debris and Christmas Trees are ground into mulch at the landfill. This mulch is available to Brunswick County residents free of charge year round. You bring your truck and we will load it full of mulch for you. This material is great for building up the soil in your garden and for winterizing your plants.



Merry Christmas!

# Ho! Ho! Ho! Off to the Recycling Center We Go!

The holiday season bring lots of family gatherings, food and gift exchanges. This season also brings lots of 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](http://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.

## Brunswick County Convenience Sites and Landfill

### 1. Brunswick County Landfill

172 Landfill Rd NE Bolivia (910) 253-8101

(hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 8 am until 4 pm)

### 2. Hwy 904 Convenience Site

736 Seaside Rd. Sunset Beach (910) 579 – 9932

### 3. Oxpen Convenience Site

1709 Oxpen Rd. Supply (910) 842-9523

### 4. Southport Convenience Site

8392 River Road Southport (910) 457-9484

### 5. Leland Convenience Site

9921 Chappell Loop Rd. Leland (910) 371-9471

Hours of operation at the County Convenience sites are

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

8 am until 6 pm

## Brunswick County Park Recycling

Lockwood Folly Community Building

Leland Community Park

Lockwood Folly District Park

Shalotte District Park

Town Creek District Park

Waccamaw Elementary School

Brunswick River Park

Ocean Isle Beach Park

Hours of Operation Vary - Call (910) 253-2520

## Have a "Green" Christmas

Christmas is such a magical time. Reconnecting 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!*

## 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 of 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@brunscos.net](mailto:kthompson@brunscos.net). I'll see if I can find a home for your "used-to-be" treasure.



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