



Keep Brunswick County Beautiful/Brunswick County Recycling

# KBCB Newsletter



## Introduction

Keep Brunswick County Beautiful and Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling would like to thank you for your interest in our newsletter. Our purpose is to help educate our community on any recycling and environmental issues that affect our area. You will also find updates on any disposal events taking place in the County. Please feel free to share our newsletter with your family and friends so we can spread the word.

## Spring Events 2014

April was a busy month for KBCB and Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling with our Spring events.

We kicked it off with Free Week at the County landfill where residents from all over the County showed up with tons of waste. We then ended Free Week with our Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Clothing Drive at Shallotte Middle School. While the weather was not on our side that day, Brunswick County residents showed up and made it a success. Last but not least, KBCB and Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling hosted their annual Shred Event at the Government Complex and could not have asked for a better turn out.

We would like to say thank you to everyone that participated in these events and a special thank you to all that volunteered their time and hard work.



## Recycling Tips

In Brunswick County, we have what is called commingled recycling which simply means the resident does not have to separate their items.



When the recycling is collected it is transferred to a Material Recovery Facility that uses conveyor belts to separate our trash for recycling. Below is a list of materials that are allowed in commingled recycling bins and locations where you can take it if you do not have curbside service.

### Commingled Recyclable Materials

- Plastic containers - #1 - #7
- Aluminum & steel cans
- Newspapers, mixed paper, & paperboard
- Magazines, junk mail & phone books
- Glass - brown, green, & clear

**\*\*Plastic bags are not allowed in your recycling bin because they will get clogged in the machinery that separates the recycling\*\***

### Recycling Centers

- Lockwood Folly Community Building
- Leland Community Park
- Lockwood Folly District Park
- Shallotte District Park
- Town Creek District Park (Temporarily Closed)
- Waccamaw District Park
- Northwest Park
- Ocean Isle Beach Park

**\*\*If you do not have curbside service but would like, to have it please call Waste Industries at (910)253-4177\*\***

## Recycle Tips cont.

Also during our Spring events we found that a lot of our residents were not aware of the services offered year round by the County Landfill and Convenience Sites so I thought I would share the list of accepted materials for both.

### Brunswick County Landfill

- Commingled Recycling Materials
- Electronics & Computers
- Antifreeze
- Appliances & Scrap Metals
- Used Fuel
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Latex Paints
- Batteries
- Tires
- Fluorescent Bulbs & CFL's
- Shingles
- Oyster Shells
- Cooking Oil
- Corrugated Cardboard

### Brunswick County Convenience Sites

- Commingled Recycling Materials
- Appliances & Scrap Metals
- Rechargeable Batteries & Cell Phones
- Tires
- Fluorescent Bulbs & CFL's
- Oyster Shells (not accepted in Leland)
- Cooking Oil
- Corrugated Cardboard

## Mulch is Here!!!!

The Brunswick County Landfill now has mulch available. It is free of charge for all Brunswick County residents and/or property owners. You can take a little bit or you can take a lot, it's totally up to you!



### *We will even load it for you!!*

There is a charge for dump trucks and commercial use but the charge is just \$20.00 a load.

## Grocery Bag Recycling



Several of you have asked why plastic grocery bags are not allowed in your recycling bin. Plastic bags belong to a material group called film that contains many different kinds of plastics. It's not that these plastics can't be recycled, they just require a different type of collection system and processing equipment than what our commingled recycling program provides.

So what are we supposed to do with them? You can carry your bags to the store on your next visit and stuff them into a store-front bin so they can be recycled (most all grocery stores have one). They can then be used to make new materials such as backyard decking, fencing, playgrounds, etc.

Another alternate for recycling plastic bags is offered by a company named Trex. For more than 20 years, Trex has been making composite decks made of 95% recyclable wood and plastic film products.



Trex saves 400 million pounds of plastic and reclaimed wood from being placed in landfills each year. By using reclaimed saw dust, the company never has to cut down a single tree. They combine that reclaimed saw dust with plastic film products to make a beautiful, long-lasting product. You can find Trex drop off bins at your local Harris Teeter and BI-LO stores. Below is a list of plastic film products accepted by Trex:

- Grocery Bags
- Bread Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Ice Bags
- Ziploc and other Resealable Bags
- Produce Bags
- Bubble Wrap
- Salt Bags
- Cereal bags

**Fun Fact: One 500 square foot deck contains 140,000 grocery bags.**

**\*\*For more information visit [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com) \*\***

## Battery Storage

Batteries come in many different shapes and sizes and most people store them around the house for later use.

How we store them is the important part. Proper storage can extend the life of the batteries, keeps them from becoming a safety hazard, and makes them easier to find when we need them.

Here are a few suggestions on how you can safely store your batteries:

- 1) **Keep your batteries in the original packaging if possible.** This will protect the batteries from environmental factors, keeps the fully charged batteries separate from the older ones, and keeps the terminals from coming into contact with other metals.
- 2) **Store your batteries in a cool, dry location.** Ideally, they should be stored around 60 degrees but a slightly higher temperature will work just fine.
- 3) **Always store your batteries with the positive and negative terminals directed away from each other.** If the terminals are touching, they could begin conducting electricity, which will discharge them.
- 4) **Leave plastic caps on your batteries' terminals when possible.** Some batteries come with a plastic cap fitted over the terminals, leave those caps on during storage to prevent them from conducting electricity and losing their charge.
- 5) **Keep old and new batteries separate.** Newer batteries can conduct electricity into the older ones, discharging them.

**\*\*You can dispose of your household batteries at the Brunswick County Landfill\*\***



## Phone Directory Recycling



Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling is partnering up with ATMC in an effort to recycle old phone books. Delivery of the new editions will start in early July. You can place your old directories in your recycling bin at home or you may drop them off at any recycling center located throughout the County. *Brunswick County BB&T bank locations will also accept them until August 15, 2014.*

## Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling Schedule



The Brunswick County Landfill and Convenient Sites will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. All sites will resume regular business hours on Saturday, July 5th.

Curbside trash collection will run on a normal schedule.



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