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Holiday Recycling in Henderson County

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The holidays are already a very busy time for many people, and remembering what to do with each gift box, every catalog or sale flyer, or nonworking strands of inefficient Christmas lights can get complicated! That's why the Henderson County Solid Waste & Environmental Programs Divisions and several local community groups are all working together to ensure holiday recycling is easy and convenient for citizens.

The Henderson County Convenience Center, located off of Stoney Mountain Road, accepts a wide variety of materials year-round for recycling, making it convenient for residents to reduce waste that would normally end up in the landfill. The Convenience Center accepts mixed paper, including wrapping paper, gift tissue paper, holiday and greeting cards, phone books, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, and paperback or hardbound books. Cardboard is also accepted and all boxes should be flattened before entering the bins at the Center. All plastics and gable top beverage containers can be recycled, and lids can be left on these items though the containers themselves should be rinsed before being recycled. Citizens can also recycle all colors of glass, as well as aluminum and steel cans. A recycling brochure with more information about all recyclable items can be found online under the Henderson County Solid Waste webpage. The Henderson County Convenience Center and Transfer Station will be closed December 24th-25th, 2014 and will reopen on Friday, December 26th. Hours of operation are 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Beginning December 26th, Christmas trees can be taken to ball field #3 at Jackson Park to be mulched. On January 10, 2015 as part of an annual event hosted by MountainTrue (the newly merged ECO, WNCA, and JMCA) and in conjunction with Kings Hardware, Henderson County Parks & Recreation, and the City of Hendersonville Public Works. The event on January 10th will be held from 9 am until 2 pm. Holiday cards and nonworking strands of Christmas lights can also be recycled during the event. Contact MountainTrue for more information at (828) 692-0385.

The Henderson County 4-H Club accepts nonworking or unusable strands of Christmas lights for recycling year-round. Lights can be taken to the Cooperative Extension office in Jackson Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Proceeds earned from the recycled lights are donated to local community charities and used for club activities. For more information on this program, visit <http://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/2014/09/recycle-christmas-lights-2/> or call Cooperative Extension at (828) 697-4891.

For more information or questions on any of these programs, call Henderson County Environmental Programs at (828) 694-6524.

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