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Fall Pumpkin Collection & Canned Food Drive at Henderson County Convenience Center

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Between Halloween and Thanksgiving, there will be plenty of jack-o-lanterns and fall squash leftover, so don't let them meet a spooky end in the landfill- instead, compost them with Henderson County Solid Waste!

From November 1st to December 8th, residents can bring leftover pumpkins and decorative squash to the food waste collection bins at the Henderson County Convenience Center. Since September, County residents have deposited 243 pounds of food waste into the bins at the recycling center, kicking off a strong start to the 10-month pilot program. Providing this voluntary collection option is part of the Solid Waste Division's long-term waste reduction strategy. The collected food waste and pumpkins is taken to Atlas Organics in upstate South Carolina, mixed with other organic materials, and eventually become saleable gardening material.

Throughout the month of November, residents can also participate in a canned food drive at the Convenience Center to benefit our local food pantries through distributions from Manna Foodbank. Needed items include: dried/canned beans, peanut butter (no glass jars), canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits, fruit/vegetable juices, cereals and grains (bag or box), canned vegetables, and meals in a box or can (stews, chili, mac-n-cheese). Find more information online at <https://www.mannafoodbank.org/how-you-can-help/donate/donate-food/>.

This food waste and pumpkin collection program is for use by Henderson County residents. No household trash or recycling is acceptable in the food waste collection bins. Only organic materials are acceptable, even painted pumpkins; please remove any candles or other items. The Convenience Center is located at 265 Convenience Center Drive, Hendersonville NC 28791 and is open Monday through Saturday from 8am until 4:30pm.

For additional information on this and other recycling programs, visit hcrecycles.org or call Environmental Programs at (828) 694-6524.

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