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Henderson County Holiday Recycling

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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 old Christmas lights can get complicated! Henderson County Solid Waste & Environmental Programs Divisions and several local community groups are working together to ensure holiday recycling is easy and convenient for citizens.

Holiday Recycling

The Henderson County Convenience Center, located at 265 Convenience Center Drive 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. This holiday season remember to recycle your giftwrap, greeting cards, magazines, and other mixed papers in your home recycling bin or at the Convenience Center. Don't forget to bring your flattened cardboard, as well as plastic, glass, aluminum, and steel containers. Labels and caps can be left on plastic bottles. All containers should be well rinsed and dried.

Holiday cooking can leave you with leftover cooking oil and food waste, both can be deposited for reuse at the Convenience Center. Used cooking oil is collected by the gallon and turned into biodiesel, while leftovers and food scraps are used to create compost, a valuable soil amendment.

Clean, dry grocery and sandwich bags can be recycled at most retail or grocery stores. Plastic films should never be recycled in your home recycling bin or at the Convenience Center. For more information on the types of acceptable recyclable film at retail stores, please visit <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>.

As you start up those new, shiny electronics, don't forget to recycle old ones, batteries included! Small peripheral electronics, including cables, power strips, and remotes, can be recycled free at the Convenience Center, while televisions and computer monitors must be recycled at the Transfer Station for \$15 each. Remove household batteries from small electronics before recycling them at the



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Convenience Center, remembering to tape over the positive terminals. Additionally, citizens can recycle mercury-containing devices and fluorescent lights Monday-Friday at the Convenience Center.

For more tips on these programs and other year-round offerings, visit www.hcrecycles.org. There you will find a recycling brochure for downloading and more detailed information about recycling programs.

The Henderson County Convenience Center and Transfer Station closes for the Christmas holiday Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25, 2017, reopening Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Facilities also close on New Year's Day, January 1, 2018. Regular hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Recycling

MountainTrue, Kings Hardware, Henderson County Parks & Recreation, and the City of Hendersonville Public Works host their annual tree mulching on January 7, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Take you Christmas trees to ball field #6 at Jackson Park beginning on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Holiday cards and nonworking strands of Christmas lights can be recycled during the event. Contact MountainTrue for more information at (828) 692-0385 or visit www.mountaintrue.org.

Christmas Light Recycling

The Henderson County 4-H Club accepts nonworking or unusable strands of Christmas lights for recycling year-round. The Cooperative Extension office in Jackson Park accepts Christmas lights Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Proceeds earned from the recycled lights are used for club activities. For more information on this program, visit <https://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/> or call Cooperative Extension at (828) 697-4891.

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