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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Holiday Recycling in Henderson County

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Henderson County Solid Waste & Environmental Programs Divisions and several local community groups are working together to ensure holiday recycling is easy and convenient for all of our citizens.

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 giftwrap, greeting cards, gift tags, magazines, and other mixed papers in your home recycling bin or at the Convenience Center. Flattened cardboard, as well as plastic, glass, aluminum, or steel containers can also be recycled this way. Plastic caps can be left on plastic bottles. All containers should be well rinsed. Used cooking oil is collected year-round at the Convenience Center, as well.

Common household batteries can be recycled at the Convenience Center. Please tape over the positive terminal of all types of batteries using scotch tape, electrical, or duct tape before depositing in the bin. Leaky batteries can also be recycled, but must be placed in a sealed sandwich bag first.

Clean, dry grocery and sandwich bags can be recycled at most retail or grocery stores. These types of items cannot be mixed with other plastics in your home recycling bin or at the Convenience Center.

Don't forget about the valuable organics in your yard this fall! County residents can bring up to five bags of leaves per day and empty them into a special bin at the Convenience Center (no bags inside bin, please). Bigger piles of yard waste, like limbs or brush, must be taken to the Transfer Station where user fees apply. See

http://www.hendersoncountync.org/engineering/solidwaste/transferstation.html#fees for details.

Beginning December 26<sup>th</sup>, Christmas trees can be taken to ball field #6 at Jackson Park to be mulched on January 9, 2016 as part of an annual event hosted by MountainTrue, Kings Hardware, Henderson County Parks & Recreation, and City of Hendersonville Public Works. The event on January 9<sup>th</sup> will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Holiday cards and nonworking strands of Christmas lights can also be recycled during the event. Contact MountainTrue for more information at (828) 692-0385 or visit www.mountaintrue.org.



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 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Proceeds earned from the recycled lights are donated to local community charities and used for club activities. For more information on this program, visit <u>https://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/</u> or call Cooperative Extension at (828) 697-4891.

For more tips on year-round recycling, visit <u>www.hcrecycles.org</u>, where you can download the County's recycling brochure and find more detailed information about recycling programs.

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