

Christmas tree & leaf pick-ups

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up on your regular trash collection day. Simply put your tree at the curb of your home after removing all lights, ornaments, wires, tinsel and the tree stand. Cut trees taller than five feet in half or into manageable segments.

Collected trees are made into mulch to fertilize City gardens and landscaped areas. The mulch is also for sale at White Street Landfill, 2503 White St.

Trees may also be disposed of at the White Street Landfill, but normal yard waste disposal fees apply. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

Meanwhile, leaves raked to the curb by December 8 will be picked up by January 16. This is the second of two scheduled leaf collections by the City. During the first round, more than 4,665 tons of leaves were collected, which is 1,890 tons more than collected during the same time period last year.

Help prevent accidental fires

Help prevent fires in City trash and recycling collection trucks by never putting hot ashes, batteries or gasoline or motor oil in your trash container.

Let ashes cool completely first, and take all batteries, gasoline and motor oil to the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center (see article on the right). For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

Moving forward on sustainability

Learn more about ways you can help protect our environment by attending a meeting of the Community Sustainability Council (CSC). The public meetings take place from 3-5 pm on the second Monday of each month in the Plaza Level Conference Room, Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. For more information about CSC, visit greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment/sustainability.

Scrapping the old analog TV?

February 17, 2009 is the day all television broadcast stations in the United States must complete the transition from analog to exclusively all-digital broadcasting. If your televisions are analog and use an antenna - as in rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna - to access local broadcast stations, your options are to:

- Subscribe to cable to receive the all-digital broadcast signal.
- Purchase a digital-to-analog converter box for your analog television if it has a built-in digital tuner.
- Purchase a new television.

If you need to discard your old televisions, please do so properly by bringing your televisions to Greensboro's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center at 2750 Patterson St.

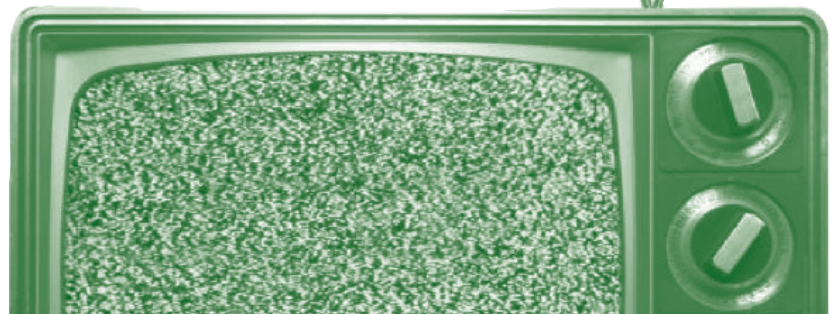
Old electronics, like televisions, computers, monitors, CPUs, fax machines, radios, copy machines, printers, and cell phones, are commonly called e-waste. They contain toxic metals such as lead, cadmium, and mercury that can contaminate the environment.

The HHW Collection Center offers Guilford County residents free and convenient service that protects our environment from these and other materials.

The center also accepts corrosive, reactive, flammable, or toxic materials, such as antifreeze, batteries, cleaners, drain openers, motor oil, paints, pesticides, and herbicides.

Hours of operation for the HHW Collection Center are Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 am to 6 pm, and on Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm.

For more information, call the HHW hotline at 373-2196 or visit greensboro-nc.gov/hhw.



Upcoming Trash/Recycling Holiday Schedule Changes

Martin Luther King Day

No collection on Monday, January 19.

Monday collection moves to Tuesday, January 20.

Tuesday collection moves to Wednesday, January 21.

Good Friday

No collection on Friday, April 10.

Thursday collection moves to Wednesday, April 8.

Friday collection moves to Thursday, April 9.

City of Greensboro offices will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

GTA emphasizes rider etiquette

Public transportation is just that, public, and there are rules to follow that make the ride more enjoyable for everyone. To emphasize rider etiquette, GTA has kicked-off "United We Ride."

Riders are encouraged to observe simple courtesies on buses such as not eating, not talking loudly on cell phones and not blasting music. For more information, visit GTA's Web site at greensboro-nc.gov/departments/GDOT/divisions/gta.

Meanwhile, get GTA and HEAT updates and information, service changes, route detours, weather delays and more by text message. Sign up by texting *follow gtaheat* to 40404.

Coming soon: Personal trip planning using Google Transit.

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