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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTION & CONVENIENCE CENTER SCHEDULES

NEWTON, NC – Wondering what you'll do with your Christmas tree and other natural decorations after the holiday season is over? Catawba County's Landfill staff, in cooperation with Republic Services, has an answer for you. Christmas trees and other natural decorations will be accepted curbside and at all five Solidwaste Convenience Centers located around Catawba County from December 26, 2017 through January 19, 2018. No ornaments, bases or other decorations should be left on trees.

Residents who have curbside collection service with Republic Services may put their used Christmas tree out with their garbage on their curbside collection day. Trees will be picked up by a separate Republic Services truck.

Republic Services will not operate on December 25. The curbside service schedule will run one day behind schedule from December 26-December 30. Republic Services will resume their regular curbside service schedule on Monday, January 1, 2018.

"Recycling is an easy and environmentally friendly way to dispose of used Christmas trees," said Amanda Kain, Catawba County's Waste Reduction Coordinator. "By providing this service to its curbside customers, Republic Services makes it as convenient as possible for residents to recycle their trees."

Some municipalities in Catawba County are handling tree pickup separately within their boundaries, so residents of municipalities should check with the government office in their city or town to be sure of the schedule and procedure they should follow.

County Solidwaste Convenience Centers will accept Christmas trees and other natural decorations between December 26, 2017 and January 19, 2018 only. The County's five Solidwaste Convenience Centers are located on Rocky Ford Road off Highway 10 West in Newton (across from the Blackburn Landfill); on Bethany Church Road in Newton; on Rhoney Farm Road in the Cooksville area; on Lookout Dam Road in the Oxford area; and on Sherrills Ford Road.

Regular operating hours for the Centers are as follows: The Blackburn Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-6pm. The Bethany Church Road Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-6pm. The Cooksville Center is open on Friday and Saturday from 8am-6pm. The Oxford Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am-6pm, and the Sherrills Ford Center is open Thursday through Sunday from 10am-6pm.

The Oxford and Sherrills Ford Centers will close at 3:00pm on Sunday, December 24. All Centers will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1. All Centers will resume their regular schedules on Tuesday, December 26.

Christmas trees are always accepted at the Blackburn Construction and Demolition Landfill, which will be closed Monday, December 25 through Wednesday, December 27 and will resume the regular schedule on Thursday, December 28. For more information, visit the County's Solidwaste website at www.catawbacountync.gov/ue/solwasmg.asp.

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