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## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING OFFERED BY COUNTY AND REPUBLIC SERVICES**

Wondering what you'll do with your Christmas trees 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 collected at all five Solidwaste Convenience Centers located around Catawba County from December 26, 2013 through January 31, 2014, and at curbsides during December 26 through January 23. No ornaments, bases or other decorations should be left on trees.

"If you have regular curbside solid waste collection, you may put your used Christmas tree out on the day of your regular garbage pickup from December 26 through January 23, 2014, and a separate truck will come recycle the tree," said Amanda Kain, Catawba County's Waste Reduction Coordinator. "Since Republic Services will collect trees at the curbside from December 26 through January 23, residents should have several opportunities to recycle trees on their regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day."

Republic Services will not operate on Wednesday, December 25, 2013. Garbage and recycling curbside service will operate one day behind schedule from Thursday, December 26 through Saturday, December 28 and will resume the regular curbside pickup schedule on Monday, December 30. Republic Services will operate on a regular schedule on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Christmas trees and other natural decorations will only be accepted at the County Solidwaste Convenience Centers between December 26, 2013 and January 31, 2014. Some municipalities in Catawba County are again 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 use.

The County's five Solidwaste Convenience Centers are located on Rocky Ford Road off Highway 10 West in Newton (across from the Blackburn Landfill); Bethany Church Road in Newton; Cooksville Community on Rhoney Farm Road; Oxford Community on Lookout Dam Road; and Sherrills Ford Road.

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

Holiday operating hours for Centers: The Blackburn and Bethany Church Rd Centers will close at 2 pm on Tuesday, December 24. All Centers will be closed on Wednesday, December 25. All Centers will resume their regular schedules on Thursday, December 26.

Christmas trees are accepted at the Blackburn Construction and Demolition Landfill which will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26 and will resume the regular schedule on Friday, December 27, 2013. For more information visit the County's Solidwaste website at [www.catawbacountync.gov/ue/solwasmg.asp](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/ue/solwasmg.asp).

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