

THINK GREEN Even After the Holidays –**Christmas trees, unwanted electronics, old appliances and other holiday relics can be recycled**

It's beautiful and fragrant during the holidays, but after Christmas you must find a way to dispose of the tree. Why not recycle your Christmas tree? And don't forget about other holiday remnants that can be recycled: electronics, appliances, paper, plastic bottles and more. Give a gift to the environment this year by making sure the trash you throw away is truly trash, and by recycling those holiday items that can be recycled.

Christmas Trees – Guilford County residents can drop off their Christmas trees between December 26 and January 15 at three sites:

- Guilford County Prison Farm, 7315 Howerton Road, Gibsonville. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From Highway 61, take County Farm Road then turn right onto Howerton Road. The drop-off point is ¼ mile on the right. (Call 449-4720 for more information.)
- Piedmont Triad Farmers' Market, off I-40 at Sandy Ridge Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. (Call 605-9157 for more information.)
- Tabernacle United Methodist Church, behind the ball field at the corner of Woody Mill and Methodist Roads. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please remove all lights, decorations, stands and covers from trees before dropping them off to be recycled. Wreaths, garland and artificial trees are not accepted. The County will turn the trees into mulch for use at County parks and other facilities. Last year's trees created nearly 60 tons of mulch, and more is needed in 2007 as the County's park system continues to expand.

The City of Greensboro will also collect trees curbside. Call 373-CITY for more information. The City of High Point will collect trees curbside through January 31. Call 883-3111 for more information.

E-Waste – Did you replace old electronics with new ones this year? All your out-of-date electronics, or e-waste, can be recycled, including computers, televisions, games, toys, cell phones and anything with an electronic chip. Take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Center, 2750 Patterson St., Greensboro, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Disposal is free to county residents. Call 373-9431 for directions or more information.

Appliances – Were you the recipient of a new washer, dryer or refrigerator for Christmas? You can dispose of your old appliances for free at the Guilford County Scrap Tire/White Goods Facility at 2138 Bishop Road, Greensboro. It's open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 294-9431 for directions or information.

Cardboard – Many gifts are shipped or packed in corrugated cardboard boxes. This corrugated cardboard is also recyclable and is made from two strips of flat cardboard on the top and bottom, and a wavy "corrugated" or fluted strip running through the center.

Paper Products – What to do with all those out-of-date catalogs? Recycle them, along with your newspapers and magazines. Remember, wrapping paper isn't recyclable, so you may want to consider some "green" alternatives. Check with your garbage collector about other paper that can be recycled through your program.

Cans, Glass and Plastic Bottles – A merry holiday can include beverages in aluminum cans, glass bottles or plastic containers. All of these can be recycled...just toss the caps in the trash, and rinse and dry them first.

For additional information, please call Susan Heim, Environmental Services Coordinator with Guilford County Community and Economic Development, at 641-3792.