



Keep Brunswick County Beautiful / Brunswick County Recycling

KBCB Newsletter



Free Dump Week

Brunswick County will be hosting the fall free dump week at the Brunswick County Landfill September 10th through September 15th. Brunswick County residents may dispose of all materials except for regular household trash or new construction debris free of charge at the County Landfill in Bolivia (**convenience centers will maintain regular tipping fees**). Anyone driving a commercial vehicle or hauling commercial debris will be charged regular tipping fees. Proof of Brunswick County residency is required and will be checked at the Landfill entrance.



(Hours of Operation Mon - Sat 8 am until 4 pm)

HHW & Clothes

On September 15th from 9 am until 2 pm Brunswick County Solid Waste and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be hosting a household hazardous waste and clothing collection at the South Brunswick Middle School. The event will be held in the bus parking lot and is free to County residents and farmers only. When you arrive at the event please have proof of Brunswick County residency available. While at the event we ask that all residents remain in their vehicle and please extinguish any and all smoking material while on school property. All items brought to the event must be clearly labeled for identification purposes.



Typical Items Accepted at HHW Event



- Paints
- Stains
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Household Cleaners
- Automotive Fluids
- Pool Chemicals
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- CFL's
- Aerosol Cans

For items not mentioned above contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at 910-253-2524. All items brought to the event must be labeled. The staff onsite reserves the right to refuse any item brought to the event.

** Please note that electronics are not accepted at the HHW event. Electronics are accepted, free of charge, at the Brunswick County Landfill year round.*



Dosher Memorial Hospital - Operation Medicine Cabinet



Safely Dispose of Out-of-Date or Unwanted Medications

Protect the Lives of Those You Love

Save the Environment

Why Operation Medicine Cabinet?



Taking out-of-date prescription or non-prescription medicine can harm or kill you. Also, prescription drugs from the medicine cabinet are now the "drug of choice" for many teenagers wanting to "get high." In addition, when medicine is flushed down the toilet, washed down the kitchen sink or just thrown away, it can end up in our water supply.

We Can Help You with Proper Disposal

Simply drive under the front canopy of Dosher Memorial Hospital. Staff from the hospital will be on hand to receive your unwanted prescription and non-prescription drugs and controlled substances. We will also be collecting unwanted hypodermic needles and pet medications. All collected items will be incinerated and properly disposed of.



Website: www.dosher.org

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2012

Time: 9 am—1 pm

Address: 924 N. Howe St., Southport



On the first Saturday in October, volunteers from all 100 counties in North Carolina and approximately 90 countries worldwide come together to clean up our land and waterways. If you would like to participate and have a location in mind or if you would like to help another group please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling office at 910-253-2524.



Current Events Scheduled

- Oak Island -** October 6, 2012 at 8:30 am
Meet at Middleton Park
Contact Karen Derr
kderr@ci.oak-island.nc.us
- Ocean Isle Beach -** September 22, 2012 at 9 am
Meet at the Museum
Contact Mark Robertson
910-579-2166 (Town Hall)

If you have a clean up event that you would like advertised in this newsletter please contact Kim Thompson at 910-253-2524 or email kthompson@brunsc.net.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Repellent



Mosquito problems in a neighborhood are commonly caused by standing water. All mosquitoes require water to breed. There are a few basic steps that we can take to help reduce the number of mosquitoes in our yards simply by eliminating potential breeding areas. Here are a few commonly missed areas where mosquitoes may be breeding and how to remedy them:

- Gutters—make sure gutters are clear of debris and are draining properly.
- Pet dishes—clean daily
- Outdoor faucets—repair leaks
- Children's toys—make sure they are empty and store in a sealed container such as a tote with a lid.
- Bird baths—change the water regularly
- Plant containers and their drainage dishes— make sure the plant is draining properly and empty the drain dish after watering.
- Rain Barrels—make sure they are screened and place mosquito disks in them. These may be purchased at any location that sells pond supplies.
- Plug tree holes
- Boats—boats and canoes should be turned upside down when not in use.
- Exterior trash cans—drill small holes in the bottom to allow water to drain out.
- Pools and ponds—make sure you are properly maintaining your water feature.
- Tires—dispose of any tires around your yard. This may be done at the Brunswick County Landfill, Southport Convenience Site and the Leland Convenience Site free of charge.

As mentioned earlier there are many botanical repellents. If you plant some of these around your yard it will discourage the little pests (not to mention a lot of them smell wonderful in a warm summer breeze). One plant that I know works very well on patios and decks is the Mosquito Plant. It is a genetically engineered geranium hybrid. It is easily grown as a potted plant, has attractive foliage and a sweet lemony scent. Eucalyptus will also discourage mosquitoes and other yard pests. It also works well through out the interior of the home in discouraging creepy crawlies. I place it under furniture, beds and in closets. It cuts down on house spiders and since I have an extreme case of arachnophobia this is a household must for me.

A very natural means of reducing mosquitoes in your neighborhood is to increase their natural predator - **BATS!** Bats are known to consume anywhere from 600 to 1000 insects per hour. Dragonflies, damsel flies and some birds, such as swallows, also prey on mosquitoes. You can increase the number of these flying friends in your neighborhood by supplying them with attractive homes. Just like humans they want a nice place to live. Below are a couple of websites to visit for free building plans.



<http://www.eparks.org>

<http://www.natureskills.com>

