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NEW ITEMS ACCEPTED AT COUNTY'S RECYCLING CENTERS

Recycling helps keep items out of landfills

FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia – What do used cooking oil, books and plastic bags all have in common? All three items are now accepted at Forsyth County's recycling centers. One of the goals of the Forsyth County Solid Waste Plan is to provide residents with a convenient way to dispose of common items without placing them in a landfill. The acceptance of these new items helps achieve that goal.

Used Cooking Oil

After the Thanksgiving holiday, many residents began to ask what they could do with cooking oil left over from frying a turkey. Keep Forsyth County Beautiful (KFCB) located a company that collects and processes the used oil for a variety of uses. Residents can now bring used cooking oil to any of the three county recycling centers to be recycled at no charge.

Books

Book bins have also recently been placed at the county's recycling centers. The books are collected by Reading Tree, a non-profit organization with a mission to provide children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own books. Reading Tree donates all usable children's books it collects to elementary schools, hospitals, Boys and Girls Clubs, literacy programs and other organizations serving children in need. Those books deemed unusable due to condition are recycled for their paper content or shipped overseas for literacy efforts in other countries. Reading Tree has saved more than 45 million books from going into landfills.

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Plastic Bags

The most popular new item now accepted at the centers is plastic bags. Not only are plastic bags a high volume item in landfills, they are also a common source of roadside litter due to their lightweight nature and ability to blow. Keep plastic bags out of the landfill and off the roads by recycling them. Recycled bags can be used to make many plastic products including more bags and plastic building materials.

The following items are also accepted at all three Forsyth County recycling centers:

Newspaper
Magazines
Office paper
Cardboard and paperboard
Phone books
Tin food cans
Aluminum beverage cans
#1 and #2 plastic containers
Cell phones
Alkaline batteries
Small rechargeable batteries
Ink and toner cartridges
Glass food and beverage containers
Shoes
Clothing

The Coal Mountain location accepts scrap metal and tires (a small disposal fee applies).

The centers are open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are closed on county holidays.

Old Atlanta Recycling Center, 3678 Old Atlanta Road, 770.205.3010
Tolbert Street Recycling Center, 351 Tolbert Street, 770.781.2176
Coal Mountain Recycling Center, 3560 Settingdown Road, 770.781.2071

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