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Henderson County Convenience Center Changes Coming July 1, 2017

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In June, Henderson County Solid Waste received two grants totaling \$45,500 from the NC DEQ Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) to install compactors to compress recyclable material at the Convenience Center and near the Transfer Station for curbside recycling collected by haulers. These grants will increase collection and operational efficiencies in the county's recycling programs and also provide for education materials and improved signage. The compactors will be fully installed by mid-fall this year.

Beginning July 1, 2017, recycling drop-off for Convenience Center users will be simplified to a single stream system, making the sorting process easier and amount of time spent sorting shorter. The county is moving away from the three-stream system that exists currently at the Convenience Center, whereby sorting of cardboard, mixed paper, and containers is required. The new process will only require the sorting of glass from all other recyclables, which will save time and increase convenience during visits to the Center.

Citizens will now be able to combine containers and cartons made of plastic, aluminum, steel, or paper into the same collection bins with newspaper, mixed paper, and cardboard. There will be six 40-yard containers converted to accommodate this mixed stream. To ensure that collected items are high quality, users should clean food residue from containers, flatten cardboard, and never deposit plastic bags or household waste into the collection bins. It is acceptable to leave labels and plastic tops on food or drink containers.

Glass containers and bottles should be source separated into the two identified collection bins as a stand-alone item at the Convenience Center. Users should remove metal lids or plastic caps and place these small items in the single stream bins with other non-glass materials.

In addition to regular household recycling, the Henderson County Convenience Center also accepts used cooking and motor oils, oil filters, household and vehicle batteries, peripheral electronics, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, and mercury thermometers, white goods (used appliances), and small quantities of leaves. For a complete list of acceptable items and preparation of materials, please visit <http://www.hendersoncountync.org/engineering/solidwaste/cc.html>. TVs and computer monitors must be taken to the Transfer Station for recycling for \$15 each. A complete



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list of acceptable Transfer Station items and associated fees can be found online at <http://www.hendersoncountync.org/engineering/solidwaste/transferstation.html>. Additional information can be found online at www.hcrecycles.org. Questions can be directed to (828) 697-4505 or (828) 694-6524.

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