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NEW SOLID WASTE SERVICES GUIDE AVAILABLE

Residents of Guilford County and all its municipalities now have a new guide to help them properly dispose of household trash and other unwanted items: the **Guilford County Solid Waste Services Guide**. *"This guide is designed to be a simple and easy tool we can all use to make sure we dispose of our trash in the right way,"* said **Merle Green, Health Director, Guilford County Department of Public Health**. *"We want everyone to use this guide to help improve the health, safety and beauty of our county."* A copy of the guide may be picked up at no charge at all city and town halls, public libraries and Parks and Recreation centers. It may also be downloaded from the following websites:

City of Greensboro -- www.greensboro-nc.gov

City of High Point -- www.high-point.net

Greensboro Beautiful -- www.greensborobeautiful.org

Guilford County -- www.co.guilford.nc.us

Department of Public Health -- www.guilfordhealth.org under Health Information, A-Z

"The City of Greensboro is proud to be part of this comprehensive effort that can help all of us care for this beautiful community by keeping it clean," said **Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson**.

"High Point citizens have been highly supportive of efforts to protect and beautify our community," said **Rebecca Smothers, High Point Mayor**. *"We welcome new information that will help us do even more to care for our environment."*

The guide is made available through the generosity of **Volvo Trucks North America**, which paid for the design and printing of 100,000 copies.

“This guide was an excellent opportunity for us at Volvo to put our core value of environmental care into action in the community where we live,” said **Per Carlsson, president and CEO of Volvo Trucks North America**. *“I urge the residents of Guilford County to make full use of this information.”*

The Solid Waste Services Guide was produced by the **Litter Prevention Partnership of Guilford County**. This partnership is made up of representatives of the **City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, Greensboro Beautiful, Guilford County, Guilford County Department of Public Health, and High Point Keep America Beautiful**. The Litter Prevention Partnership has been working together since spring, 2007 to discuss, plan and implement a variety of litter abatement and prevention programs in an effort to address the litter and growing illegal dumping problem in Guilford County.

“Litter doesn’t stop at our city limits,” said **Peg Moore, Chair of Greensboro Beautiful**. *“This partnership between our governmental agencies, private corporations and volunteer citizens will strengthen our efforts to keep Greensboro and Guilford County a litter-free community.”*

Employees of the government agencies and volunteers participated in litter cleanups last fall as part of the statewide Big Sweep cleanup effort. Services provided through the City of Greensboro, City of High Point and Guilford County were also offered to participating neighborhoods, and to help clean up identified illegal dump sites. Additional litter cleanups are planned for the spring – the Great American Cleanup and the Guilford County Spring Cleanup in April, and Greensboro Beautiful’s Clean Campus Program for Guilford County Schools.

“I hope our residents will use this informative guide to make responsible decisions about disposing of their household waste and, as a result, make an important contribution to a safer and more picturesque Guilford County,” said **Kirk Perkins, chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners**.

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