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Advanced Disposal Brings Cleaner, Greener Waste Collection to Greater Atlanta

Compressed Natural Gas Infrastructure Project Breaks Ground with \$2 Million Fueling Facility

On June 22, Advanced Disposal Services Inc. began construction of the company's first compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility at its Atlanta North location. The \$2 million facility will fuel 67 CNG trucks, the first of which will serve the metro Atlanta area, in particular Gwinnett County and the City of Roswell.

"This is the first of many locations that we will transition to CNG. CNG-powered engines burn cleaner than traditional diesel engines typically used by our industry.

Additionally, CNG comes solely from domestic sources, which will reduce our dependence on oil imported from foreign sources," said Charlie Appleby, Chairman and CEO for Advanced Disposal. *"Our total capital investment for this CNG fueling station and its accompanying truck fleet will be approximately \$22 million, but we don't put a price tag on clean air. We're going to continue to do all we can to keep the Atlanta area clean and green for generations to come."*



Appleby, along with the Chairman of Forsyth County Board of Commission, Jim Boff, marked the official groundbreaking with a brief ceremony in front of an audience of city and county leaders, vendors, neighbors, and community partners.

Advanced Disposal currently has an order placed for 27 CNG trucks, which will make up its first CNG fleet. The fueling station will be capable of producing 445 diesel gallon equivalents (DGE) per hour and able to fuel up to 95 trucks in 10 hours. The station will also feature a quick-fill post capable of delivering 78 DGE on demand.

Pictured left to right: Vocational Energy's Scott Edelbach; Advanced Disposal's Charlie Gray and Charlie Appleby, Chairman of Forsyth County Board of Commission Jim Boff, Vocational Energy's Scott Dols, and Advanced Disposal's Mark Odekirk



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Tire Recycling

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will be hosting a tire recycling event in conjunction with America Recycles Day. Please visit www.gwinnettcb.org or call 770.822.5187 for details!



volunteer gwinnett
solid waste & recovered materials

Calling All Volunteers!

Looking for some volunteer service hours? Volunteer with us during the America Recycles Day event! Volunteers will be assigned to serve from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Visit the County's online volunteer recruitment center at www.gwinnettcountry.com and click on "Volunteer Gwinnett" for additional information or to sign up as a volunteer.



I pledge to make recycling a part of my everyday life.

- I will find out which items are recyclable at the curb in Gwinnett County.
- Each day, I will participate in Gwinnett's single-stream curbside recycling program by recycling that which I cannot reuse.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Return your form to: America Recycles Day Pledge
Gwinnett County Solid Waste & Recovered Materials Division
One Justice Square
446 West Crogan Street, Suite 100
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

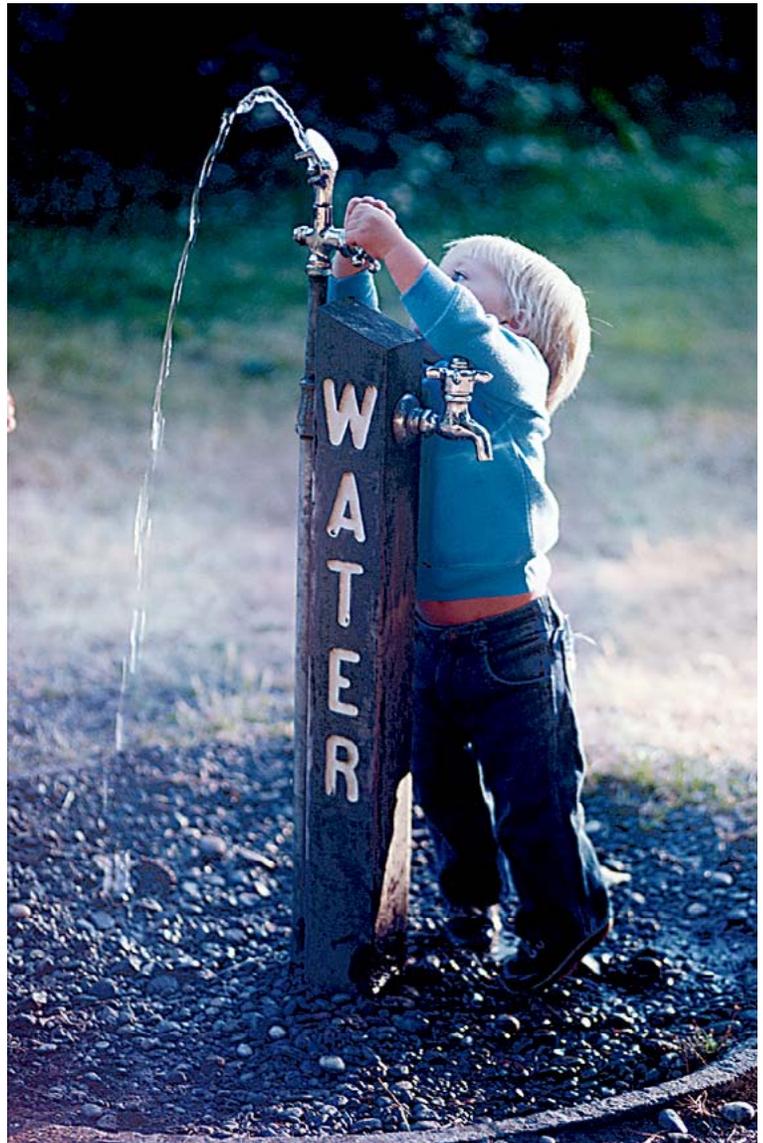
Return your pledge by November 15, 2012. Your name and address will be kept confidential.

Put Water First!

Protecting our water resources for current and future generations means making conservation practices everyday habits. Gwinnett is proud to be a leader in conservation efforts and has been recognized by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as a Water-First Community since 2003. Additionally, Gwinnett County partners with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the WaterSense program, which seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Products and services that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20 percent more efficient without sacrificing performance. For more information on the WaterSense partnership, please visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

The Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources, the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, and the Clean Water Campaign provide workshops on various topics throughout the year that are open to everyone. Workshop topics include rain barrels, xeriscaping (landscaping to reduce outdoor water use), identifying and repairing water leaks, and water efficiency.

For information on rain barrel workshops, contact the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center at 770.904.3500. For more information about other workshops, as well as water efficiency and conservation, please contact Heather Moody at 678.376.6722 or email dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com.



Updates to the County's Solid Waste Plan

Beginning in January, approximately 15,000 seniors will receive a 15% discount on trash service, and property owners with valid vacant structure or boarding up permits will be exempt from paying solid waste fees. On June 5, 2012, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved changes to the solid waste program that will go into effect on January 1, 2013.

The senior discount applies to seniors 65 or older with an annual income below \$10,000 who have filed a senior homestead exemption, called an L3A, as well as those with incomes up to \$25,000 who qualify for a senior school exemption, or L5A. Disabled people with an L5A will also qualify for the solid waste fee discount. The discount is automatically applied to the 2013 solid waste fees which are billed on the 2012 property tax bill.

Property owners who hold valid vacant structure or boarding up permits which are issued by the Department of Planning and Development will receive a solid waste fee exemption. For more information on vacant structure or boarding up permits, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 678.518.6000.

To read more on the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Ordinance, please visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com and follow the link to the "Solid Waste Ordinance."

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Summer Camp Series

Gwinnett County's Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division continued its focus on education and outreach this past summer partnering with the Girl Scouts of America and the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center for summer camps. During June and July, we participated in 14 camps that served over 300 children, ranging from ages 2 to 13.

Schelly Marlatt and Kim Sullivan, representatives from Gwinnett County's Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division, shared their knowledge about the benefits of recycling with campers. At each camp, activities engaged the children in the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

The young recyclers played trivia games, learned how to determine whether an item is recyclable curbside in Gwinnett, practiced how to prepare recyclables for the recycling bin, and gained valuable information on how to recycle on the go and at school. The Girl Scouts became so engaged in the recycling discussion that they composed their own songs and cheers about recycling.

We're not sure who had more fun—the campers or Schelly and Kim!

If you are part of a group that would like to receive information about our program or if you would like to invite us to participate at an upcoming event, please contact Schelly Marlatt at 678.518.6112 or schelly.marlatt@gwinnettcounty.com.



Save the Date!

America Recycles Day, first observed in 1997, is celebrated every year on November 15. It is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. As Americans, we have a responsibility to do our part to preserve our resources for future generations. Join the Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division on **Saturday, November 17** from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves, for our third annual America Recycles Day event. This free event will feature paper shredding, electronics recycling (\$10 cash fee for TVs), tire recycling, kids' activities, giveaways, a canned food drive, and more! For more details, visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

Gwinnett County Celebrates America Recycles Day

Free to the public!

Saturday, November 17

9:00am – noon

at Coolray Field

Home of the Gwinnett Braves

2500 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville

Tire Recycling (*limit 8 tires per vehicle, no dealer tires*)

Electronics Recycling (*\$10 cash fee for TVs*)

Paper Shredding • Touch-a-Truck

Kids' Activities • Giveaways

Food (*while supplies last*)

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in partnership with

Gwinnett Braves • Office Recycling Solutions

Recall North America • Advanced Disposal • Republic Services

Sanitation Solutions • Southern Sanitation • WastePro

For more information or
to volunteer, visit

www.sustainablegwinnett.com

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

Recycle your holiday items!

As the holidays approach, remember to give a gift to the environment. In addition to your regular recyclables, many holiday items can be collected curbside. At the curb, you can recycle wrapping paper (no plastic or foil), wrapping paper cores, gift bags (remove string handles), greeting cards, aluminum baking tins, beverage containers (some plastics, aluminum, and glass), and catalogs, plus most boxes and cardboard containers. Be sure to break down the cardboard before putting it out to be recycled.



An Ode to Recycling

The boxes your gifts and toys came in,
Greeting cards and wrapping paper, too.
Don't forget all those aluminum baking tins,
And glass bottles holding your special brew.
Pick up the empty plastic cups from your den,
Once your holiday party is through,
And put them all in the recycling bin,
Because it's the right thing to do!

Unclog the FOG this fall

Fall means family, fun, and food. And with food preparation comes FOG! Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are normal byproducts of everyday food preparation. When poured down the drain, fats, oils, and grease can cause blockages in your pipes. These blockages restrict the water flowing through the pipes, forcing it to back up into your sinks, bath tubs, and toilets which may lead to sewer overflows. Such overflows can happen inside homes as well as in larger pipes which carry water from your home to wastewater treatment facilities. When a neighborhood pipes are clogged with FOG, the overflow can affect rivers and streams, including all the wildlife that call them home.

By following a few simple practices, you can help prevent sewer backups. First, scrape off food residue from your pots, pans, and dishes and dispose of the waste properly by composting it or by placing it in the trash can. Next, rinse your pots, pans, and dishes using a mesh drain strainer to prevent any solids from going down the drain. Last, pour liquid food scraps into a container and seal it for proper disposal.

Implementing these simple practices will help reduce FOG in our systems and prevent blockages. To learn more about FOG, visit www.unclogthefog.com.



Holiday Trash & Recycling Collection Schedule

Please note that Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day are trash/recycling holidays. If your normal collection day takes place on or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed one day.

Week Of	Normal Collection Day	Collection Day
November 19-24.....	Thursday, November 22	Friday, November 23
	Friday, November 23.....	Saturday, November 24
December 24-29.....	Tuesday, December 25	Wednesday, December 26
	Wednesday, December 26	Thursday, December 27
	Thursday, December 27	Friday, December 28
	Friday, December 28.....	Saturday, December 29
December 31-January 5.....	Tuesday, January 1	Wednesday, January 2
	Wednesday, January 2	Thursday, January 3
	Thursday, January 3.....	Friday, January 4
	Friday, January 4.....	Saturday, January 5

Solid Waste Earns International Award

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) awarded Gwinnett County's Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division the Silver Excellence Award in Communication. The award recognizes excellence in the creation and use of communications tools to inform audiences about new or existing solid waste management programs, projects, or organizations.



The Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division earned the award for the success of its communication plan which was developed in March 2010. The award highlighted the successful implementation of the County's new solid waste and recycling program and the use of a variety of communications tools to educate residents who were affected by the program.

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Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Director Tom Keith said, "We are honored to receive this award from SWANA and hope that our experiences will be helpful to others as they deal with the implementation of complex community-wide programs."

29th Annual Bring One for the Chipper

Beginning the day after Christmas, recycle your Christmas tree and be a part of Georgia's largest "Bring One for the Chipper" program, sponsored locally by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful and Gwinnett County. Since the beginning of the program, we estimate that more than 1,300,000 trees have been diverted from landfills and chipped into landscaping mulch. Annually, Gwinnett continues to recycle the most trees of any community in the state.



Residents are encouraged to give back to nature and bring their Christmas tree, stripped of all lights and decorations, to one of 30 conveniently located drop-off locations between **December 26, 2012 and January 18, 2013**. Please visit www.gwinnettcountry.com and www.gwinnettcb.org for a complete listing of drop-off locations.



You can be one of the many community volunteers who will help chip trees into mulch at the largest Christmas tree recycling event in Georgia. We need volunteers on Saturday, January, 26, 2013, from 9:00am to noon, at Bethesda Park, located at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville. Work gloves are helpful when handling the trees. Wear long pants, thick-soled, closed-toed shoes, and comfortable clothing. Volunteers will work outside and may get dirty, so please dress appropriately. All volunteers must be 14 or older to participate in this service project. You can volunteer by visiting www.gwinnettcb.org to register or call 770.822.5187 for more information.

The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Call Center representatives can be reached at 770.822.7141 Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with the exception of holidays. You may also e-mail us at gcsolidwaste@gwinnettcountry.com.

The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. However, your residential solid waste collection will not be affected. If you have questions regarding holiday pickup, please contact us or your hauler directly.