



CONOVER NEIGHBOR



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Conover Expanding Recycling Services

Our local MRF (materials recycle facility) is currently under expansion. With new technology in automation, they will increase their capability to process greater amounts of recycle material locally. How will this affect Conover? Beginning in January, 2014 Conover will change how and what we collect at the curb for recycling. In January 2014 all current recycle customers will receive a new 96 gallon blue roll-out similar to your existing trash roll-out cart to use for recycling. We will start delivering carts the first week of January and, plan on having all the new recycle carts delivered before January 27th, 2014. An information packet will accompany your new roll-out when it's delivered explaining what items can be recycled along with the new recycle collection schedule.

Starting the week of January 27th recycle will be collected every other week on your same collection day you have now. You may place your old 18 gallon bin inside the recycle cart to be recycled or keep it to use as you like. As of January 27, 2014 Conover will only collect curbside recycle material that is contained within the 96 gallon roll-out cart. Our schedule was designed to mirror the collection days of our surrounding neighbors in Catawba County to promote regional cooperation. Below is a list of materials collected along with a list of materials not collected. Please read all the information carefully, as there is important information on how and what we can recycle. As always we are available for questions through our website or by phone. The City of Conover is proud to offer this expanded service, and with your help we can continue to be one of the most successful recycling programs.

Below is a list of items that can and cannot be recycled in our program:

APPROVED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

- All plastic bottles and containers
- Mixed paper, newspapers with inserts, junk mail
- Computer, office and color paper, envelopes
- Magazines, telephone books, paperback books
- Cardboard, gift boxes, shoeboxes (flattened)
- Pizza, cereal & food boxes (NO food debris)
- Milk & juice cartons & boxes (must be empty)
- Aluminum cans, steel cans including lids
- Glass bottles & jars (all colors)

UNAPPROVED ITEMS

- Plastic bags, plates, cups or utensils
- Glassware or ceramic dishes
- Styrofoam or foam padding
- Waxed cardboard
- Mirrors or window glass
- Hazardous waste, electronics & paint
- Light bulbs or fluorescent tubes
- Household garbage, food waste or liquids

ALL RECYCLABLES MUST BE IN A CART AND THE LID MUST BE CLOSED

Conover Code Enforcement

A Message from the Code Enforcement Officer

For the past year, Conover has had a dedicated code enforcement officer operating out of the police department to help maintain the city's health, safety, value and appearance. The duties of the code enforcement officer are to help educate the residents of

Conover about the city ordinance code and how code compliance is for the greater good of the community. Although the first year has been a successful one, with hundreds of violations found and corrected, there is plenty of work still to do.

Throughout the coming months this section of the newsletter will inform you of targeted code violations or issues we will be targeting that benefit the community. Each newsletter will highlight a code enforcement issue in the City.

Below are the six main areas of focus:

- Nuisances (ex. Overgrowth, Outside Storage, Stagnant water, old tires, unused building products)
- Abandoned, Nuisance or Junk Motor Vehicles
- Minimum Housing Standards
- Abandoned Structures (residential homes and buildings)
- Non-Residential Structures (Unmaintained and Unsafe)
- Zoning Violations (Signs, Fences, Storage Buildings, Unlicensed Business Operation)

A special "thank you" goes out to all residents who worked hard to keep their leaves and yard debris out of the roadways and gutters while waiting for the city's removal service during the fall months.

Planning Ahead:

City Council: Meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at Conover City Hall
Planning Board: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Conover City Hall
City Hall Closed: Monday January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
(Sanitation will be collected on Tuesday)

Online Safety Tips for Kids

Provided by the Conover IT Department

Today's kids are growing up in a world where the Internet is part of their everyday lives. Social networking sites have always existed and buying music online is as common as browsing record stores once was for their parents. But the more your kids explore online, the more they are at risk from predators and the more they put your PC and privacy at risk.

To help ensure kids' Internet safety, parents need to know how to educate their children about staying safe online and manage their kids' Internet experiences. And although the task may sound challenging, there are some websites that offer some simple solutions or tips that every family can use to help make their kids' online experiences safe ones. Follow these tips to help ensure your child's online safety:

- Discuss appropriate online behavior and keep your computer in an open area.
- Chose a login name for your child that doesn't reveal any personal information.
- Teach them to keep their "real world" information private.
- Know who their online friends are in real life.
- Explain that making illegal copies of music or video games is just like stealing it from a store.
- Teach that not everything on line is true. Implement parental controls.



For more in-depth information, please visit:
<http://kids.getnetwise.org/>