

KCB MONTHLY

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Letter from the KCB Board

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2023 brings Peace and Prosperity to everyone in your life. Keep Cherokee Beautiful had a fantastic year in 2022, with more than 30 miles of roadways under contract for Adopt A Mile. Many thanks to all the volunteers who've helped get that program running and growing. More businesses, groups, and individuals are joining us each month. NOW is a GREAT time for you to consider making a commitment to join the growing family of roads that are regularly policed and help show why Cherokee County is the best place in Georgia to live and work.

If you have a church group, neighborhood HOA, civic group or club, athletic club, or just a group of concerned citizens that care about where we live and what happens to our streams and waterways as a result of litter, consider submitting an application to Adopt A Mile. Our board members are happy to come and speak to your group and help generate interest and participation. It's easier than you think! KCB supplies all the materials and safety gear needed. You supply the volunteers for 3-4 hours and the road around you looks GREAT!

The New Year is a great time to dedicate yourself and your group to making a REAL difference in our community. There are so many groups doing great things in Cherokee County. Beautification groups (like KCB), Lake Allatoona groups, trail groups, so many ways to make an impact in where you live and work. The hardest thing is to simply say "NOW is the time we're going to do it!"

Come join us, we'd love to help you get your group going!

Mark Preetorius
CEO
Keep Cherokee Beautiful

Electronics Recycling Event Re-cap

We want to thank all of the volunteers who worked the electronics recycling event! The



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event, hosted in partnership with Premier Surplus, was held Dec. 3 at the Cherokee County Administration Building in Canton. Roughly 388 cars were seen at the four-hour drive-through event. Event staff collected 29,772 pounds of electronics filling several box trucks with items ranging from personal computers to large

Make Plans For Spring Cleaning

Despite the cold temps and the recent rainy weather, it's never too early to PLAN A CLEAN-UP!

The Great American Clean Up is quickly approaching, from March 21 Through June 21. Two months to get out and make a difference in your community, your country and your world.

We would like to ask that all groups affiliated with Keep Cherokee Beautiful plan and conduct a clean-up during this time. It could be your 1st quarter cleanup and the start of a great year of making the 4 clean ups per year requirement.

The Cherokee County Recycling Center is happy to support your event with vests, pickers, and bags. Don't forget, we will haul away the spoils of your adventure. Just let us know what you need.

We wish everyone well and look forward to a great year. I believe we have some exciting events and opportunities in the upcoming months so please stay tuned for more.

Troy Brazie
Manager
Cherokee County Recycling Center

In The Bin at The Recycling Center



RULE 1

Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.




RULE 3

No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.



Plastic Bottles & Containers


Recycle plastics by shape: bottles, jars, jugs and tubs. The "chasing arrows" symbol doesn't necessarily mean it's recyclable.

 Clean and dry containers, then put the cap back on before tossing in the bin.



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard


Flatten and recycle all cardboard and paperboard.

 Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or liners should be recycled; but leftover crusts, cheese and other food should not.



Food & Beverage Cans


Recycle empty tin, aluminum and steel cans.

 Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.



Food & Beverage Containers


Rules for recycling milk cartons, juice boxes and food cartons vary by city, county and state. Check local recycling programs for options to recycle cartons.

 Make sure containers are completely empty to avoid contamination.



Paper


Paper, newspaper and magazines are good to recycle.

 If paper is soiled or wet, compost it.



Glass Bottles & Containers

Glass recycling rules vary, please check your local program guidelines.

 Check local program guidelines for options to recycle glass. Some communities have curbside pickup or drop-off locations to recycle glass.

Recycling Pains

If you are a frequent patron of the Hobgood Park or Blalock Rd Recycling Centers you may have noticed or even been affected by the recent service disruptions at both facilities.

The two weeks after the Christmas holidays are traditionally the busiest of the year. After an extended closing and all the material from the holidays, the recycling centers get busy.

This year has been different. Busy does not begin to describe the number of customers and the amount of material that has passed through the Recycling Center.

The Recycling Center was recently forced to temporarily close due to not having any room for material. Staff members had to turn folks away, on multiple occasions because they were unable to accept their recyclables due to all of the containers being full. These issues have lingered to the present.

Although it's great so many people are enthusiastic about recycling, the Recycling Center asks for your patience during this time. Also, don't forget to check for service alerts before you visit by following the Cherokee County Recycling Center on Facebook. All closings and service alerts will be posted to the account.

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