Convenience Centers

Burke County operates disposal sites at the following locations for the collection of recycling and general household waste. These sites are for use by Burke County residents only.

- 3836 NC-18, Morganton
- 3251 US-64, Morganton
- 1679 NC-126, Morganton
- 8616 NC-181, Morganton (Jonas Ridge)
- 8827 Rhodhiss Road, Connelly Springs
- 6135 Rhoney Road, Connelly Springs

Hours of Operation:
M, T, Th, F 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Closed
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Note: The bins for plastics and metal are typically removed for emptying on Mondays and Fridays between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., although that schedule may change due to inclement weather or volume of usage. You may want to schedule your drop-off of plastic and metal for other times. Other bins are emptied when full.

Types of Plastics:

- Plastics #1 or Polyethylene Terephthalate are commonly used in water, soda and juice bottles.
- Plastic #2 or High-Density Polyethylene are primarily used in milk/water jugs and detergent bottles

Landfill & Transfer Station

John’s River Waste Management Facility
2500 Marsh Trail, Morganton

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

The Landfill/Transfer Station accepts all items that the Convenience Centers accept (see reverse), plus:

- Glass: mirrors, glass panes, incandescent light bulbs, and other non-bottle glass items
- Yard waste: leaves, grass clippings.
- Tires: without rims, no charge
  - Tires with rims, $3.15 each (up to 20”) *
  - Tires with rims, $4.20 (greater than 20”) *
- Shingles/roofing materials
- Wooden pallets
- Fluorescent lamps and thermostats that contain mercury - before disposal, tell the site attendant which items contain mercury
- Mattresses/box springs – individual sets only, no truckloads

Did you know…

- It’s against the law to place corrugated cardboard, aluminum, or plastics #1 and #2 in a landfill. These items must be recycled.
- There is a $500 fine for out-of-county usage at the landfill or any Convenience Center.
Items Accepted at the John’s River Transfer Station and Convenience Centers (Except Jonas Ridge):

**Aluminum** – Beverage cans, rinsed; clean aluminum pie plates and food containers.

**Plastics** – #1 and #2 only, rinsed. Lids can stay on the bottles.

**Cardboard** – Corrugated only, remove debris and flatten all boxes. No wax or plastic coating, such as milk cartons. Tape and labels do not have to be removed.

**Mixed paper** – Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, office paper, phone books, and uncoated cardboard boxes (cereal, tissues). No containers that are coated with plastic or wax.

**Glass Bottles** – Clear, brown, green and blue bottles are accepted only at the Convenience Centers (except for Jonas Ridge). The metal lids can stay on the bottles. When the glass is crushed during recycling, the metal lids are removed by magnets.

**Metal** – Food and drink cans (rinsed), lawn mowers, metal lamps, toasters, clothes dryers, microwave ovens.

**Batteries** – Lead acid batteries only, for example, car batteries, lawnmower batteries, motorcycle batteries.

**Electronics** – TVs, computers and peripherals (mice, printers, keyboards, monitors, circuit boards, tablets, laptops, modems, etc.), copiers and fax machines, stereos, radios, tape and CD players, phones, gaming consoles.

**Motor oil & Oil filters** – 5-gallon limit

“**Rough box**” items – furniture, pieces of wood (up to 6”), mixed-material items, outdoor plastic playground equipment, etc.

**Note:** Commercial waste and large loads of household waste are not accepted at the convenience Centers. Loads larger than one (1) cubic yard must go to the landfill. A full pickup truck bed is acceptable if the load does not rise much above its sides. Site attendants reserves the right to refer certain loads to the landfill.

Items not accepted at Convenience Centers:

- Commercially generated, hauled, or transported waste
- Building materials, construction, demolition, or remodeling debris more than one (1) cubic yard
- Large loads of any type of waste (must be taken to the landfill)
- Construction debris greater than one (1) cubic yard
- Paint in liquid form (Once paint is dried out, it can go in with regular waste; mix with sand or kitty litter to dry it out.)
- Plastic bags/film – take to local grocery stores to recycle
- CFLs and rechargeable household batteries – take to Lowes Home Improvement Stores to recycle
- Asbestos
- Yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, branches)
- Tires
- Shingles/roofing materials
- Wooden pallets
- Items containing mercury

Jonas Ridge Convenience Center Only Accepts These Items:

- Aluminum
- Mixed paper
- Plastics #1 and #2
- Metal