

## Questions October 1, 2014 Recycling continued...

### **Q. How much do Union County citizens recycle?**

**A.** Recycling is alive and well in Union County. According to Leslie George, Executive Director with North Georgia Resource Management Authority, in the last seven months Union County residents have recycled approximately 241,580 pounds of materials. That equals about 11 pounds for every man, woman and child in the County.

### **Q. We brought some shoes to the courthouse for shoe recycling in the spring. What happened to those?**

**A.** Leslie reports that 30 boxes of reusable shoes were shipped to Shoebox Recycling to be shared with those in need. Not only does this help others who are in need of shoes, but it also creates jobs and keeps shoes out of landfills. Go to [www.shoeboxrecycling.com](http://www.shoeboxrecycling.com) for more information on this very worthy cause.

### **Q. What opportunities are there for children to learn about recycling?**

**A.** Leslie George and Ashley Rubio, Community Outreach Coordinator, both go into the schools, working with the Education Committee of the Mountain Research & Education Center, to share with students ways to recycle. You can go to their website, [www.ngrma.org](http://www.ngrma.org) to learn more about this resource for teachers and homeschoolers. Also listed on the website are very cute ideas for recycling such as a recycled bird feeder/nesting box or a recycled laundry bottle pet scoop.

### **Q. Last week you talked about the Electronics Recycling Event on October 18th but what other opportunities for recycling are there in Union County?**

**A.** You can recycle at the transfer station located at 348 Deep South Farm Road. There is no charge for the following items:

- Paper mixed, computer paper, magazines and newsprint
- Paper board cereal boxes, food containers, etc.
- Corrugated cardboard packing boxes (please break down)
- Aluminum cans
- Automotive batteries
- White goods appliances (air conditioners and refrigerators are accepted if you have paperwork verifying that the freon has been removed by a licensed professional – no commercial dealers please)
- Bulk metal tin roofing, metal desks, cabinets, etc.

### **Q. Is there any other way we can recycle?**

**A.** We have a Neighborhood Recycling Program also which is every Wednesday between the hours of 8am to noon at these convenient locations near your home.

- Station 2 Jones Creek precinct
- Station 3 Owtown Precinct (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)
- Station 4 Ivy Log precinct
- Station 5 Suches Precinct

- Station 6 Pat Colwell precinct
- Station 8 Gumlog precinct
- Station 9 Coosa precinct (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month)

**Q. What materials are accepted at these locations?**

A. The following items are accepted: Mixed paper which includes newspaper, copy paper, white paper, color paper, envelopes, fliers and any other office or “junk mailings” are accepted. If you can tear it, we can take it! Paperboard such as cereal boxes, soft drink boxes, etc. should be placed in the mixed paper bin. Aluminum cans: Please rinse and flatten aluminum cans before placing in the bin. They should be thrown in loose. Please empty your cans out of plastic bags or other containers. #1 and #2 plastic bottles: Look on the bottom of your plastic bottles for a number in a triangle of arrows. Those numbers identify recyclable plastic types. We are currently taking only number 1 and 2 plastic bottles with screw-type lids (lids must be removed). Examples: #1 containers – soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars, cooking oil bottles. Examples: #2 containers – milk jugs, detergent bottles, bleach bottles, juice bottles. We also take corrugated cardboard.

**Q. Do you need volunteers for these locations?**

A. Yes, we certainly do. This is a volunteer based program and we are always in need of volunteers. Volunteers are needed at the Jones Creek, Coosa, Gumlog and Pat Colwell locations. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Jennifer Queen in my office at 706-439-6000.