

## **September 24, 2014 – Electronics Recycling**

**Q. Are you going to have an electronics recycling event this year?**

**A.** We are pleased to announce that this annual event will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12 noon in the parking lot of the old Blue Ridge EMC in Young Harris. It is for residents only of Union and Towns Counties.

**Q. Has this event been successful in past years?**

**A.** Yes, very successful according to Leslie George, Executive Director of the North Georgia Resource Management Authority. She said that last year there were 11,238 pounds of documents destroyed and 150 different vehicles brought in recyclables. They produced \$965 in revenue for the Humane Society. There was 11,670 pounds of metal, plastic, glass, computer housing and peripheral equipment that was processed and sent on to an appropriate recycling end-market by Atlanta Recycling Solutions to be manufactured into recycled content products. The important thing to realize is that all this material was kept out of landfills.

**Q. Who sponsors this event?**

**A.** Keep Our Mountains Beautiful and North Georgia Resource Management Authority offer this service to residents of Union and Towns County.

**Q. What does it cost to bring our old electronics and get our documents shredded?**

**A.** The only cost is a \$5.00 donation per car with all proceeds going to the Mountain Shelter Humane Society. Also, there is a \$20.00 charge for televisions and a \$5.00 charge for CRT Computer Monitors.

**Q. I am worried about bringing my old computer. What happens to the information on it?**

**A.** There is no need to be alarmed about someone stealing any information left on the computer as all CPU hard drives are destroyed or wiped of all information.

**Q. How can we get more information on what will be accepted at electronics recycling?**

**A.** You can go to the NGRMA website ([www.ngrma.org](http://www.ngrma.org)) for this information or you can pick up a copy of the flyer in our office. This information is also posted on the county website ([www.unioncountyga.gov](http://www.unioncountyga.gov)) under news and will be advertised in the North Georgia News or you can call our office at 706-439-6000. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We will provide the flyers if you want to post them at your place of business, church or other location. Let's make this an even more successful event than last year.

**Q. You may have told us before but what is the North Georgia Resource Management Authority and what exactly do they do?**

A. This is a solid waste authority made up of North Georgia Counties for the purpose of promoting safe solid waste handling through education, recycling and composting. The NGRMA was created in 1994 by Towns, Union and Lumpkin Counties. This Authority allows us to work regionally to handle existing solid waste issues, to provide for solid waste to be properly and economically diverted from landfill waste streams, to explore potential opportunities, to maximize resources and to expand existing programs. In 1997 Banks County became a member and in 2000 the Authority became the second regional Keep America Beautiful Affiliate in the State of Georgia under the name "Keep Our Mountains Beautiful". We are very grateful to Leslie George, Executive Director, for all that she does for us. If you would like more information on the authority, go to their website, [www.ngrma.org](http://www.ngrma.org).

**Q. What are the benefits to the county of being a member of the NGRMA?**

A. Being a member of this Authority has many advantages, among those are that they provide educational and promotional materials for the county and they help support our recycle and litter volunteers. They also provide literature and instruction for school children with different environmental programs and workshops. They negotiate our recycling contracts and apply for and receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants, such as the one that assisted us in starting our neighborhood recycling program.