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Police and Partners Offer Cardboard Collection Sites

Don't Advertise Your Gifts to Thieves

DURHAM, N.C. – The Durham Police Department's '[No Perched Packaging' holiday campaign](#) encourages residents to break down large electronics boxes and other recyclable packaging and transport them to a recycling center instead of placing them curbside for trash/recycling collection. When electronics boxes and other gift packaging are placed curbside, passer-byers are inadvertently informed of valuables inside. Television, computer, and gaming system boxes generally attract the most interest.

For the third consecutive year during the holiday season, the City of Durham Police Department, Durham Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Management Department are partnering to provide community sites where can residents dispose of cardboard boxes. Starting **Friday, December 20, 2019 through Friday, January 3, 2020**, dumpsters for collection of cardboard boxes will be available at these locations:

- Campus Hills Recreation Center parking lot – 2000 S. Alston Ave.
- Walltown Park Recreation Center parking lot – 1308 W. Club Blvd.
- Old North Durham/Geer Street parking lot - 310 W. Geer Street

If Transport of Boxes is Not Feasible...

Another strategy is to break down boxes and leave them inside until curbside garbage and recycling collection days. Cardboard should be flattened and should fit inside the blue curbside recycling cart. Cardboard that cannot fit inside the blue curbside recycling cart must be flattened and a scheduled collection arranged by contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200, [online](#), or by using the free smartphone app in the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) stores.

Residents may also take large volumes of flattened cardboard to the City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center located at 2115 E. Club Blvd. At this location, residents (not commercial entities) can also safely dispose of electronics, appliances, household hazardous waste, and trash.

The Waste Disposal and Recycling Center, Yard Waste Facility, and the Household Hazardous Waste Center will close early on December 24 at 2 p.m. and remain closed on December 25. These facilities will also be closed on January 1. Residents are reminded to place their carts at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of

their scheduled collections and to recycle as much as possible during the holiday season. Paper holiday waste, including wrapping paper (non-metallic only), cardboard boxes, and greeting cards should be placed in blue curbside recycling carts. For more information about items accepted for curbside collections as well as how to sign up for collection day alerts and reminders for all holiday service changes, visit the [Solid Waste Management Department's webpage](#).