



**CITY OF DURHAM**  
Office of Public Affairs  
101 CITY HALL PLAZA  
DURHAM, NC 27701

## **Public Service Announcement**



### **News Media Contact:**

Kimberle W. Walker  
Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
Durham Police Department  
(919) 560-4322 x 29194  
(919) 943-3649 (cell)  
[Kimberle.Walker@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Kimberle.Walker@DurhamNC.gov)  
<http://DurhamPolice.com>  
<http://Facebook.com/DurhamPoliceDepartment>  
<https://twitter.com/DurhamPoliceNC>

For Immediate Release: December 13, 2017

## **Don't Advertise Your Gifts to Thieves** *'No Perched Packages' Holiday Safety PSA*

When electronics boxes and other gift packaging are placed curbside for disposal on collection day, passer-byers are inadvertently informed of valuables in your home. Television, computer and gaming system boxes generally attract the most interest. So here's a tip from the Durham Police Department: "Don't publicize the gifts you receive for the delight and enjoyment of wishful thieves. Instead of putting boxes curbside this holiday, use a designated recycling site to throw boxes away!"

Durham Police Department's "No Perched Packages" 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 outside your home for collection. In partnership with Solid Waste Management and Durham Parks and Recreation, the police department has coordinated four recycling sites designated for its "No Perched Packages" crime prevention effort that will run December 22, 2017 through January 5, 2018:

- Police District 1: Long Meadow Park (N. Hyde Park Avenue and Liberty Street)
- Police District 2: North Pointe Shopping Center (far end)
- Police District 3: Target - Chapel Hill Boulevard (side)
- Police District 4: Lowe's - Fayetteville Road (side)

If transport of boxes is not feasible, another strategy is to break down boxes and leave them inside your home until garbage collection/recycling day.

###

**Click link to view DPD's "No Perched Packages" PSA -**

**<https://vimeo.com/244693643>** (featuring Investigator Debbie Smith)