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PRESS RELEASE

Franklin County Convenience Sites Now Open Six Days a Week

Commissioners vote for more "convenience" at convenience sites

Louisburg, June 22, 2006: With the recent passage of the 2006-2007 budget, Franklin County Solid Waste will now offer more convenience of disposing of solid waste for people throughout Franklin County. Beginning July 1, 2006, all twelve Franklin County convenience centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 7am until 7pm. For the past several years, convenience sites were open four days per week.

Now, Franklin County Government is seeking to transition to a solid waste enterprise partially funded in the first year with a solid waste availability fee on all residences and businesses. The fee will reduce in the first year, and will eliminate in future budget years, the reliance on the property tax to fund the solid waste operation, which includes the 12 county-wide convenience centers and a landfill. The solid waste availability fee offers unlimited access to any convenience center and two thousand pounds of disposal at the landfill on Timberlake Road. In addition, Franklin County Solid Waste can now expand its convenience center operations to six days per week.

Franklin County citizens will find both solid waste and recycling centers at each of the twelve sites. A compactor unit is available for bagged garbage. Open top units are available for bulk waste like couches, chairs, televisions, some lumber waste, etc. Multiple loads of waste should go directly to the landfill. Recycling is the better option for residents as there are recycling containers at all twelve convenience centers for a variety of items.

For additional information on Franklin County convenience centers and Franklin County Solid Waste, contact Franklin County Solid Waste Director John Faulkner at (919) 496-5002 or visit www.co.franklin.nc.us.

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