



Buckhead Turns Its Spring Cleaning Green

Buckhead's Eco Collection Helps Residents & Businesses Dispose of Hazardous Materials

ATLANTA – February 22, 2011 – The warmer weather and longer days hint that spring is around the corner, and this year Buckhead will have a chance to start its spring cleaning the right way at Buckhead's Eco Collection on March 25 and 26. This event will give area residents and businesses the opportunity to easily and safely dispose of all the items they've wanted to get rid of, but aren't safe for the regular trash pick-up.

Presented by Atlanta City Council Representatives Howard Shook and Yolanda Adrean and organized by [Livable Buckhead](#) and [Live Thrive](#), Buckhead's Eco Collection will have experts available to properly dispose of or recycle items such as old electronics, unused paint, expired over-the-counter and prescription medicine, printer cartridges, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and important documents that need to be shredded.

"Everyone has items around the house they'd like to get rid of but know they shouldn't throw in the trash, like an old computer or that extra gallon of paint in your garage," said Denise Starling, executive director of Livable Buckhead. "This is a great opportunity to dispose of those items in a way that is safe for our health and the environment."

The drop-off location at [92 West Paces Ferry Rd.](#) will be open to Buckhead-area businesses on Friday, March 25 and Buckhead residents on Saturday, March 26. **Paint and medication disposal will only be available to residents.** Experts will be on site to help unload and properly distribute items.

Organizers are suggesting a \$20 donation for each vehicle that participates to help with the cost of disposal and recycling. In addition, half of the proceeds from the event will be donated to recycling education in Buckhead's elementary schools through the [IDBIDS](#) program.

To participate, residents must pre-register by visiting www.livablebuckhead.org after March 1. Availability is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Businesses do not have to register, but must present proof of location at the site. Eligible ZIP codes for both residents and businesses include: 30305, 30309, 30318, 30319, 30324, 30326, 30327, 30342.

What you need to know:

- For Buckhead residents and businesses only. (Zip Codes: 30305, 30309, 30318, 30319, 30324, 30326, 30327, 30342)
- **Businesses:**
Fri., March 25
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Residents:**
Sat., March 26
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Residents must pre-register at livablebuckhead.org
- **Location:** [92 West Paces Ferry Rd.](#)
- Suggested \$20 donation for all participants
- Full list of items eligible for disposal found at livablebuckhead.org

Organizers are also encouraging participants to bring food donations (canned, boxed or dry bags) to the site, which volunteers from the Atlanta Buckhead Chapter of [AARP Georgia](#) will collect to benefit the [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#). Volunteers from AARP, which is sponsoring the event, will also assist with the eco collection.

Vendors providing disposal services for Buckhead's Eco Collection include [Clean Harbors Environmental Services](#), [Atlanta Recycling Solutions](#), [EcoShredding](#), [SP Recycling](#) and [Conservaprint](#).

Visit www.livablebuckhead.org for more information, including a full list of items eligible for disposal.



About Livable Buckhead

Livable Buckhead, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that strives to ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of the Buckhead community. It does this by working cooperatively with individuals, public entities and private businesses to integrate into everyday life and business sustainable strategies that improve the environment and quality of life in the community. For more information about Livable Buckhead and its programs, visit www.livablebuckhead.org.



About Live Thrive

Live Thrive, Inc. is a public nonprofit organization with a mission to empower all people to come together, sharing and exchanging ideas, opportunities and resources to make a positive, healthy change to their community's environment. Get involved by supporting environmental education and community projects. For more information about Live Thrive, visit www.livethrive.org.



About District 7 Council Person Howard Shook

Howard Shook is serving his third term as a member of the Atlanta City Council. He has served on all seven of the Council's standing committees. Shook and his wife, Alise, are the proud parents of two daughters, Catherine and Mary Martin.



About District 8 Council Person Yolanda Adrean

Yolanda Adrean was elected to serve the voters of District 8 on the Atlanta City Council in November 2009, receiving 76% of the ballots cast. She chairs the Finance Committee and serves on the Public Safety Committee and the City Utilities Committee. Yolanda wears many hats. She is a wife and mother, she is a CPA and she is a tireless worker for our neighborhoods.



About AARP Atlanta Buckhead Chapter 103

The Atlanta Buckhead Chapter 103 of [AARP Georgia](#) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and is sponsoring Buckhead's Eco Collection as part of the [Create the Good Program](#). Come and meet the members as they volunteer at the event, and don't forget to bring your food donations to benefit the [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#). Help us help the hungry!