

Pritchardville Convenience Center

Due to escalating operating costs to County taxpayers and increasing traffic concerns, the Beaufort County Convenience Center system was evaluated by A. Goldsmith Resources. A final report was issued in November 2019. County staff reviewed all recommendations that involved each of the eleven staffed locations.

Pritchardville Convenience Center is located on a small, one-acre footprint with no options to expand or allow for mandatory stormwater improvements. The site was designed for light, rural traffic almost thirty years ago. Today, daily traffic averages almost 500 vehicle visits per day. The site is at the end of its useful life.

Beginning October 1, 2020, operating hours will be reduced by one hour each day. Hours will change from 7:30 AM – 7:00 PM to 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Traffic during the final hour of current service equates to only 5.9% of total visits.

The Pritchardville Convenience Center will continue to be open every day except Wednesdays and holidays through December 31, 2020.

Beginning January 1, 2021, the Pritchardville Convenience Center will be closed.

Residents currently using the Pritchardville Convenience Center will be encouraged to use the Bluffton Convenience Center at 104 Simmonsville Road, Bluffton, South Carolina, beginning January 1, 2021. This modern center is designed to accommodate larger traffic volumes.

A decal program will be introduced to all Beaufort County residential owners. Requests for decals will begin in October 2020. There will be educational information presented on how to obtain a decal for continued use of centers throughout the County. **You will need a decal to use centers beginning January 1, 2021.** The decal system is being introduced to prevent out-of-county abuse of our waste collection locations. Increased enforcement presence will be promoted to deter contractor use of County centers.

Property owners might also consider making arrangements for individual curbside collection from a permitted waste hauler of their choice and at their own expense. A list of these haulers is located on the Solid Waste and Recycling Department website: <https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/solid-waste-and-recycle/convenience-centers/residential-curbside.html>