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## Press Release

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### **Keep North Fulton Beautiful announces new hours for the Sandy Springs Recycling Center, installation of gates**

**Sandy Springs, GA. (Nov. 21, 2017)** – The Sandy Springs Recycling Center has new operating hours, and will no longer be open around the clock for drop-offs. For over 30 years, the facility’s parking lot has been open with recycling bins available 24/7. That practice is no longer sustainable, according to Kathy Reed, Executive Director. The center has installed gates that will be locked after operating hours. The addition of gates is intended to provide a solution to the ongoing problems of overnight theft from the Sandy Springs Recycling Center, the illegal dumping of non-recyclable items, and non-payment for items requiring a fee.

“We did an extensive study on the impact of installing gates,” says Reed. “We wanted to make sure we were accommodating our customers who want to recycle after hours, while following industry best practices of having lockable gates when the center is not staffed.” The Board of Directors of Keep North Fulton Beautiful (KNFB), the non-profit that operates the Sandy Springs Recycling Center, engaged a Blue Ribbon Panel of industry experts to offer advice on a number of issues to improve operations and efficiency at the center. One of the first recommendations from the panel was the installation of gates to enhance security. KNFB then surveyed customers in person, through email, and online; they then chose the best times to offer extended hours, based on over 600 responses. The announcement about the gates was first made in June 2017, to give customers plenty of time to adjust to the new schedule.

“I’m anticipating some confusion at first, as people adjust to the new hours,” says Reed. “But I hope that everyone understands that we put a lot of thought and planning into this decision, and in the long run, this adjustment will enable us to sharpen our focus on customer service for the dedicated recyclers who enjoy our center.”

**The new hours for the Sandy Springs Recycling Center are:**

GATES WILL BE CLOSED (no access to drop off) except the following hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9AM-5PM

Tues & Thurs: 7AM-7PM

Closed Sundays and major holidays.

To learn more about Keep North Fulton Beautiful's programs, as well as the Sandy Springs Recycling Center, visit [www.knfb.org](http://www.knfb.org).

**About Keep North Fulton Beautiful**

Keep North Fulton Beautiful is an environmental non-profit that provides education and conservation programs to the communities of Johns Creek and Sandy Springs. We have served our community since our formation as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 1984, and as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, we share the vision of making our communities cleaner and more beautiful places to live, work, and play. We operate the Sandy Springs Recycling Center on Morgan Falls Rd, and do business as "Keep Sandy Springs Beautiful" and "Keep Johns Creek Beautiful." Our primary focus areas are litter prevention, beautification, waste reduction, water conservation, and environmental education. Our Mission is to educate and activate our community in the beautification and conservation of our environment.