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Meridian Waste's Annual "Gifting of the Turkeys" Delivers More Than Thanksgiving Dinner

A holiday tradition rooted in respect, gratitude and a year-round commitment to being a good neighbor

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – November 24, 2026 – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, continued its annual Thanksgiving tradition of *Gifting of the Turkeys*, personally delivering frozen Thanksgiving turkeys to neighbors of its municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition (C&D) debris landfills throughout North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri.

Now in its seventh year, the annual outreach program is about much more than providing the centerpiece of a Thanksgiving meal. It is an opportunity for Meridian Waste's landfill management teams to knock on doors, shake hands, share conversations and express their sincere appreciation and respect for those who live closest to the company's disposal operations.

"Being a good neighbor is not a responsibility we take lightly, nor is it something we recognize just once a year," said Walter "Wally" Hall, Meridian Waste's chief executive officer. "We recognize that our neighbors live alongside the industrial operations necessary to manage the solid waste generated by our communities. They deserve our respect, our appreciation and, most importantly, our accessibility. We want every neighbor to know the name and face of the person responsible for managing their neighboring landfill and to feel comfortable reaching out directly whenever they have a question, concern or simply want to better understand our operations."

A Thanksgiving Tradition with a Greater Purpose

The *Gifting of the Turkeys* program originated in 2020 at Meridian Waste's Eagle Ridge Landfill in Bowling Green, Missouri. The success of that initial neighborhood outreach effort inspired company leadership to expand the tradition to additional disposal facilities.

The 2026 program includes outreach to neighbors of the following Meridian Waste facilities:

- **Eagle Ridge Landfill** – Bowling Green, Missouri
- **Lunenburg Landfill** – Lunenburg, Virginia
- **Noble Hill Landfill** – Attalla, Alabama
- **Poplar View Landfill** – Knoxville, Tennessee
- **Riverside Landfill** – Knoxville, Tennessee
- **Shotwell Environmental Park** – Wendell, North Carolina
- **Tri-Corners Landfill** – Liberty, North Carolina

By personally delivering the turkeys, rather than simply mailing a holiday greeting, Meridian Waste's landfill management teams create meaningful opportunities for face-to-face conversations. These interactions help establish and strengthen relationships that extend well beyond the holiday season, ensuring residents have a familiar, knowledgeable and accountable local contact throughout the year.

Environmental Responsibility Goes Hand in Hand with Community Responsibility

Modern, engineered landfills provide essential environmental infrastructure, protecting public health and natural resources through the safe and regulated management of the solid waste generated by homes, businesses, industries and municipalities.

Meridian Waste recognizes that its responsibility extends beyond the permitted boundaries of its disposal facilities. Operating in an environmentally responsible manner, maintaining transparent communications, listening to neighbors and responding to their concerns are fundamental components of being a responsible corporate citizen.

“While our business is managing society’s waste, our relationships with the people who live and work around our facilities are something we greatly treasure,” added Hall. “A Thanksgiving turkey is a relatively simple gesture, but the message behind it is significant. We see you. We respect you. We appreciate you. And we are here to listen, not just during the holidays, but 365 days a year.”

As families gather around their Thanksgiving tables this week, Meridian Waste extends its heartfelt gratitude to its neighbors, employees, customers and community partners and wishes everyone a safe, joyful and blessed Thanksgiving.

About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company’s core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C and the greater Triad Region of NC., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Huntsville, AL, Central AL, North & South MS, Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 600,000 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 32 hauling companies, thirteen transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1.9M tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

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Image 1: Meridian Waste Logo



Image 2: Tri-Corners Landfill Operations Manager, Timmy Jackson, with neighbor Ms. Phyllis Holder.



Image 3: A truck load of Meridian Waste turkeys ready to be gifted to neighbors.



Image 4: Tri-Corners Landfill General Manager, Josh Gustaf, and Meridian Waste Sales Representative, Jenny Gum, deliver carts of turkeys to the Allied Churches of Alamance County (ACAC) – Food Distribution Center.

