



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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*Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services earns three-year accreditation*

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/DS) earned this month accreditation for three years from CARF International following an extensive review of the agency and its programs and services.

MH/DS received its sixth consecutive three-year accreditation, the strongest possible endorsement of compliance with CARF standards. The accreditation extends through November 2019. CARF, founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with health and human service providers to assess and improve the quality of their services based on internationally recognized organizational and program standards.

MH/DS “has an excellent leadership team, and the commitment to quality is seen throughout all levels of the organization,” CARF said in its report. “The positive attitude of staff members promotes teamwork and dedication to service delivery. There is excellent rapport between staff members and persons served.”

MH/DS earned the new accreditation following a survey in late October that focused on 10 program and service areas, including treatment, case management, community housing, community integration, rehabilitation, prevention and employment. MH/DS is a Henrico agency that provides mental health, substance abuse and developmental services for the counties of Henrico, Charles City and New Kent.

“I am very proud of our staff, they do an incredible job,” said Laura S. Totty, executive director of MH/DS.

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*Henrico to accept Christmas trees for recycling Dec. 26 to Jan. 8*

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee and Henrico County Department of Public Utilities will accept Christmas trees for recycling into mulch from Monday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 8.

The free service, which preserves landfill space and the environment, is available to Henrico residents only. Trees will be accepted at the following locations:

- Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road, in the lower parking lot;

- Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road, in the front parking lot;
- Springfield Road Public Use Area, 10600 Fords Country Lane, near Nuckols Road and Interstate 295; and
- Charles City Road Public Use Area, 2075 Charles City Road.

Trees can be dropped off anytime at the Henrico Government Center and Eastern Government Center and from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at the Springfield Road and Charles City Road public use areas. Trees must be free of tinsel, lights, ornaments, tree stands and water bowls.

Free mulch is available to Henrico residents at the public use areas. For information on the tree recycling program, call (804) 727-8770.

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*Henrico Board of Supervisors adjourns until Jan. 10*

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10, following its scheduled break in late December.

The board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Board Room at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

In keeping with its practices, the board's schedule for 2016 has excluded a meeting on the fourth Tuesday in December. For information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to [henrico.us/supervisors](http://henrico.us/supervisors).