



# Talking Trash

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### Our Mission

The Coastal Environmental Partnership's mission is to produce a cleaner, safer and healthier environment by providing, operating and managing an economically and technically sound municipal solid waste management system for the citizens of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

### Did You Know...?

- One inch of rain on one acre of land equals 28,000 gallons of water.
- North Carolina has 40 operational municipal solid waste landfills and one municipal solid waste incinerator.
- In fiscal 2008-09, 28 counties in North Carolina held 37 one-day Household Hazard Waste collection events.

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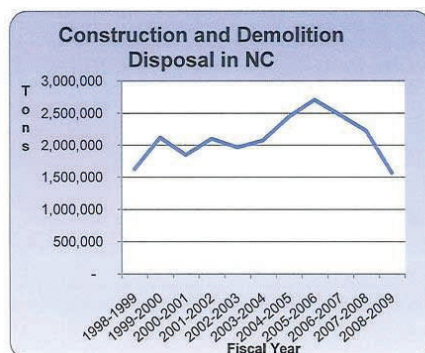
### Trash Makes History

Hot off of the proverbial press: Trash disposal in North Carolina reached an historic low in Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

This information is contained in the recently released North Carolina Annual Solid Waste Management Report FY 2008-2009

The state per capita disposal rate is 1.07 tons per person per year, which is the same as fiscal year 1991-92. This number represents a per capita reduction of 14 percent from the previous year and 21 percent from the highest per capita rate of disposal during fiscal 2005-06.

So what is happening to our trash? Analysis indicates the results are directly linked to the recession that began in the fall of 2008.



The decrease was mainly seen in solid waste related to the housing market. In fact, waste at C&D (Construction and Demolition) landfills last year decreased by 30 percent, the construction component of the waste going into these landfills was not being produced the past several years.

North Carolinians disposed of 9,910,031 tons of waste in North

Carolina and out-of state facilities. That's 1,374,681 tons less from the previous fiscal year.

In addition to the recession, other factors, play a roll in the decrease. We are more aware about what and how often we buy. We are re-using and recycling more.

Last year statewide we recycled an unprecedented 110,000 tons of glass, plastics, aluminum and steel containers. This is directly related to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission permit holder recycling law, which took effect on January 1, 2008.

And for the first time since local governments began reporting in the early 1990's, recyclables collected curbside yielded more tonnage than recyclables collected at drop off centers. The times they are a changing.



Calvin Williams

## Welcome Calvin

Please join us in welcoming Calvin Williams to the Coastal Environmental Partnership. Calvin comes on board as our Lead Mechanic.

Born in Virginia, Calvin has called Craven County home for a number of years.

Calvin enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. He is also volunteers with the Township #9 Fire and Rescue Squad.

## Happy Birthday Earth Day



Earth Day turns 40!! April 22 marks the 40th anniversary of the modern environmental movement. Founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, Earth Day serves as a reminder that each of us has the responsibility to protect and preserve the goodness of this planet. How will you celebrate Earth Day?

One local group celebrates in a big way. The Less Means More Committee commemorates Earth Day three days each April by hosting local fifth graders in an outdoor classroom designed to teach water conservation. The mission statement of the Less Means More Committee is as follows: Craven County is dedicated to minimizing unnecessary water consumption county-wide by 25% within the next 3 years thereby protecting our regional water supply and insuring that county residents enjoy clean, abundant water available to all, both now and in the future.

Another group celebrating Earth Day's 40th is a group celebrating their 100th — Boy Scouts of America. Scouts from Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties will participate in a video contest. They will write and produce public service announcements designed to educate and encourage citizens to care for the environment.

On a statewide level, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is sponsoring Spring 2010 Litter Sweep April 17 through May 1. To learn more about this cleanup of our states roadways go to [http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/operations/dp\\_chief\\_eng/roadside/Beautification/littersweep/](http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/Beautification/littersweep/) or call your local DOT office.

Treat the Earth well. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

~ Ancient Indian Proverb



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## CoastalGrow

CoastalGrow is the name of our organic compost. It's made from yard waste (limbs, leaves, grass clippings) that is collected at the Tuscarora Landfill and the Newport and Grantsboro Transfer Stations.

Compost is an organic amendment to improve the chemical, physical and biological properties of soils. It is not normally considered a fertilizer as it is too low in nutrient content for all plant nutrient needs. However, compost has many benefits for soil improvement and plant growth.



We start by grinding only clean yard waste (leaves, limbs, etc.) for compost. No painted, pressure-treated or creosote wood is used.

After grinding, the material is laid out in windrows and water is added. As the windrows

are tended the internal temperature of the windrows begins to increase killing off weed seed and other undesirable matter. As the compost continues to decompose the windrows are kept moist and turned weekly to keep the process going. When the internal temperature registers at least 131 degrees for three consecutive days the compost is ready for the final step.

Finally, the material is screened through a machine known as a trammel screen. The trammel screen separates small particles of yard waste from large particles. With openings only 5/8ths of an inch in the screen, only very small particles are used for compost. The larger particles are sold as mulch.

CoastalGrow can be purchased at our sites for \$30 per ton. That's only 1.5 cents per pound. What a deal!



## Being Green

It may be difficult to convince Kermit the Frog but It is easy being green.

Two local businesses are offering financial incentive to be environmentally friendly.

Merchant's Grocery, in the Brices Creek area, offers coffee for the price of a refill (79 cents) if you take in your own mug.

One World Shoppe, a Life is Good store, located in downtown New Bern and downtown Beaufort offers a 25 cent bag credit when you take in your own bags.

Do you know of other businesses offering such incentives? Call us at 252-633-1564 and we will feature them here in [Talking Trash](#).

It is easy being green. So easy, even...



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