



# Talking Trash

## In Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties

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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...?

- Nationwide, recycling and composting prevented 85 million tons of material away from being disposed of 2010.
- Last year NC trashed enough paper to fill 1,558 football fields three feet deep.
- Every 75 minutes, North Carolinians throw away enough plastic bottles to equal the weight of a Fort Bragg F16 fighter plane.

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### Welcome Bobby Darden

Meet Bobby Darden. He is the new Executive Director the Coastal Environmental Partnership.



Bobby has extensive experience in North Carolina local government in general, including solid waste functions. Since 2004, he served as County Manager for Perquimans County, NC.

He brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the field of Solid Waste as Perquimans County is part of a three county landfill commission that owns and operates a transfer station. Perquimans County is also a member of the Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Authority that serves seven counties in Northeast North Carolina.

Prior to being County Manager, He served as Assistant County Manager for Perquimans County and a Town Administrator for three years for Winton, NC. He has also worked as a Financial Analyst for Virginia Resources Authority, helping to provide infrastructure financing through bond issuance and revolving loan programs.

Bobby enjoys being here as much as we enjoy having him here. In his own words; "Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico Counties have a very unique and beneficial arrangement for solid waste management. Typically solid waste functions are very challenging and very costly to local governments. Even after being here only one month, it's clear to see that the Coastal Environmental Partnership has been able to mitigate the challenges and costs by providing a stable, well-run regional organization. I am looking forward to continuing this great service to the three counties and their municipalities".

## Burning Questions

In the last edition of *Talking Trash* I suggested that you may have a choice of what you burn. I wrote; "It is wise to avoid burning materials that can be toxic such as: building materials; asphalt shingles; heavy oils; wire, plastics and other synthetic materials; tires and other rubber products; paints, and household and agricultural chemicals".

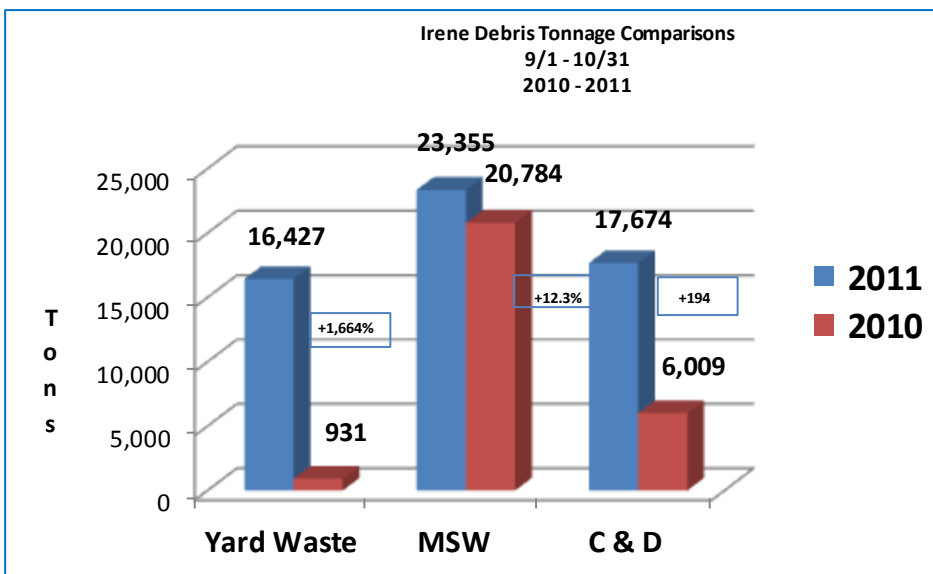
State Law simplifies that. **"The Open Burning Rule is one of North Carolina's oldest air quality regulations, first adopted in 1971. The rule prohibits most outdoor burning and sets conditions for allowable fires. Under the rule, it is always illegal to burn trash and other non-vegetative materials. Leaves, branches and other plant growth can be burned under certain conditions. Violators can be fined up to \$25,000 or more."**

Follow this link for more information: <http://daq.state.nc.us/enf/openburn/>



## Staggering Numbers

I don't need to tell anyone in this part of the state how ferocious and non-forgiving Hurricane Irene was. The chart below shows a 2 month's comparison of September and October of 2010 and 2011. The yard waste numbers are dramatic; an increase of 1,664%. The Municipal Solid Waste and Construction & Demolition material had pretty healthy increases as well.



Even more staggering is the total tons of vegetative debris in the 3 and a half months since Irene; 20,484.15 tons. And it keeps rolling in.



## Allen's Back

You might recall Allen's retirement last summer. He's back now with a whole new role. He is our Government Relations Manager. I'll let him tell you about it.



"My title is Government Relations Manager. Some of my duties overlap with the Executive Director's but the main focus will be representing the Authority's interest before members of the General Assembly, state and federal regulatory agencies and professional organizations.

I will attend meetings such as those of the Environmental Management Committee of the General Assembly, the Environmental Management Commission, the Public Health Commission, and other regulatory bodies. I also serve on the Environmental Policy Committee of the NC Association of County Commissioners."

Allen has quite a lot of experience in keeping his finger on the pulse of state government and has served this Authority well. We're in good hands with Allen. Welcome back.

**Allen M. Hardison**

## The History of Trash

How far back can we trace the history of trash? Way back. Thousands of years. Enjoy this trip to the beginnings of Solid Waste Management.

- 10000 BC** Garbage becomes an issue as people first begin to establish permanent settlements
- 400 BC** The first municipal dump is established in ancient Athens
- 200** The first sanitation force is created by the Romans. Teams of two men walk along the streets, pick up garbage and throw it in a wagon.
- 1388** The English Parliament bans dumping of waste in ditches and public waterways.
- 1551** The first recorded use of packaging: German papermaker Andreas Bernhart begins placing his paper in wrappers labeled with his name and address.
- 1657** New Amsterdam (now Manhattan) passes a law against casting waste in the streets.
- 1690** The Rittenhouse Mill, America's first paper mill, opens in Philadelphia making paper from recycled cotton and linen as well as used paper.



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