



# 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...?

- 30-40 % of trash is made up of discarded packaging wastes?
- The United States has 6% of the world's population and produces half of the world's garbage?
- 75,000 trees must be cut to provide paper for one edition of the Sunday New York Times?

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### Our Board of Directors

Please allow me to introduce our two new Board Members...Chris Turner and John Kirkland.

This is the beginning a new feature here in Talking Trash. We want you to know the Board of Directors of this organization. We will feature Board Members in upcoming issues.

The Board members are appointed by the Boards of Commissioners from our member Counties. Two board members are appointed from Carteret County, three from Craven County and two from Pamlico County.



**Mr. Christopher S. Turner**

**Mr. Turner** is the Assistant County Manager and Human Resources Director for Carteret County Government. He has previously served more than seven years as an administrator at East Carolina University. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Turner is a proud graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in Criminal Justice holding certificates in multiple cross disciplines. A former Crime Scene Investigator-I with the Greensboro Police Department, Mr. Turner continues to serve as an active Greenville Police Officer and Craven County Deputy (reserve).

**Mayor Kirkland** is a native of Oil City, PA and a graduate of the local school system. Appointed to the US Coast Guard Academy, he graduated with a BS in Marine Engineering. His post graduate assignment was at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he graduated with a BS Civil Engineering degree. He excelled at a career spanning thirty years in the Coast Guard serving in operational and engineering assignments. After retirement



**Mayor John Kirkland**

from the Coast Guard as a Captain he was employed for eleven years by General Dynamics Electric Boat Division as the Division's Environmental Manager. Mayor Kirkland has been a resident of Town of River Bend for 17 years and presently serving as The Town's Mayor.



Allen M. Hardison

## Raleigh Report

Things are off to a quick start in the 2013 General Assembly. Despite so many new faces, many bills have been introduced and action has been taken on several of major significance. Bills that affect solid waste and recycling have largely been held back until the major policy bills clear, but there have been some recent bills introduced worth noting:

**House Bill 321** would eliminate the requirement that local governments prepare 10-year solid waste plans, and update those plans every three years. Prudent solid waste management indeed requires good planning, but the current law is outdated and requires a tremendous amount of time and effort to prepare, without producing a useful outcome. Eliminating the state requirement will allow local governments to plan for solid waste management in a way that best suits their individual need.

**House Bill 328** has been filed and title "The Solid Waste Management Reform Act of 2013" This bill is not likely in final form, but will likely address some burdensome regulations affecting the solid waste industry in North Carolina.

**House Bill 315** would require that any plastic containers made of decomposable material be clearly labeled as such. The problem being addressed is the fact that some containers are now designed to decompose, a desirable feature in a landfill, but not if the material is destined to be recycled. This bill would attempt to reduce the chance for contamination of recyclable plastics.



## Earth Day's Birthday



The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed.

We still celebrate 43 years later. What are you doing to celebrate Earth Day? Ideas include: Planting trees or flowers, beautification projects, start a garden with plants that attract butterflies, make a rain barrel or start a compost pile. There are so many ways to celebrate the earth.

This Native American saying best describes our responsibility to the Earth:

**"We have not inherited the Earth from our fathers, we are borrowing from our children."**

## Time to Think About Compost and Mulch

As you are planning your garden this spring don't forget we produce high-quality, completely organic, compost and mulch here at the Tuscarora Landfill.

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:

- ◆ Improved Drainage
- ◆ Improved Aeration
- ◆ Increases Water Holding Capacity
- ◆ Improves Plant Growth
- ◆ Improves Some Nutrients
- ◆ Decreased Runoff of Nutrients
- ◆ Reduced Soil Compaction



We grind 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.

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 considered mulch.

Both products are sold at a rate of \$30 per ton. We do not deliver.

### Compost and Mulch Available At Our 3 Locations

#### Craven County

Compost, as well as mulch, is available at the Tuscarora Landfill : Telephone: 252-633-1564

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

#### Carteret County

Compost (not mulch) is available at the Newport Transfer Station located off of Hibbs Road, between US 70 & NC 24. The transfer Station is behind the convenience site.

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. — 4:00p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

Telephone: 252-223-3321

#### Pamlico County

Compost (not mulch) is available at the Grantsboro Transfer Station located on NC HWY 306 North.

Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. —3:30p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Telephone: 252-745-4149



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