



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...?

- A diamond ring...1730 George II Farthing coin...abandoned boat and a lost paycheck were all past entries to Keep NC Beautiful and PepsiCo's Unusual Litter Contest.
- Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags annually.
- 13% of those bags are recycled.

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Litter Sweep Biannual Statewide Roadside Litter Cleanup

Help beautify your community by volunteering locally to participate in the Governor proclaimed LITTER SWEEP to remove litter from North Carolina's roadways.

Litter Sweep is a statewide roadside litter cleanup drive sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and is administered by its Office of Beautification. Litter Sweep is usually scheduled for the last two weeks of April and September. For 2015, the Litter Sweep dates are April 18 to May 2 and September 19 to October 3.

Everyone's participation in Litter Sweep is needed in order to keep the state's roadsides free of litter. Participants are eligible to receive a certificate of appreciation and may enter the Unusual Litter Contest for cash prizes offered through Keep North Carolina Beautiful.

You can call the Litter Sweep Hotline at (1-800-331-5864) cleanups in your area.

Local Information

Craven County Clean Sweep is hosting their cleanup, "Little Sweep", on May 2 at Lawson Creek Park in New Bern. Call 252-633-1477 if you or your organization would like to participate.



Raleigh Report



The 2015 session of the North Carolina General Assembly is in full swing as of this writing. Most of the focus has been on social issues, economic development programs and early looks at the budget. Some issues related to activities in the waste management and recycling business have come out in recent days.

House Bill 157 has already been signed into law and has provisions that affect electronic recycling and facilities that divert materials from the waste stream. It requires that those engaged in those businesses have destinations in place for the materials they recover, not on a speculative basis.

Mr. Allen M. Hardison Senate Bill 295 would add waste and recycling collection vehicles to the state's "Move Over" law. This would help protect employees that staff the vehicles and work in the street in danger of moving vehicles.

Senate Bill 422 is the Omnibus County Legislation bill. It contains a section that clarifies the authority of counties to operate recycling collection programs and to impose fees for those programs.

Senate Bill 453 is the Regulatory Reform Act of 2015. It also contains a provision to have the electronics recycling program studied to see how it can be improved and to determine if the current fee structure is sufficient.

There may be more bills coming, as the deadline for filing has not yet passed. We will be monitoring and advocating for those bills that improve the CEP's ability to deliver services on an environmentally and fiscally responsible basis.

Happy Earth Day

April 22

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



DEACS Grant Programs for Local Governments General Grant Rounds

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) administers the Solid Waste Outreach Program including associated funds for making grants to local governments in support of waste reduction efforts. Local governments interested in these grants are encouraged to check this website: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/deao/recycling/lg/financial-assistance> periodically for updates. Please be aware that funding levels, contract periods and eligibility requirements vary between the different grant programs. Current and recent RFPs or application guidelines are listed below. Please contact the appropriate staff person at (877) 623-6748 if you have additional questions.

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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