



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...?

- In the time it takes you to brush your teeth (2 minutes) North Carolinians send 4,657 twenty oz. plastic bottles to landfills.
- One oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day.

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Plastic Bottles, Wooden Pallets and Oil Filters Banned From NC Landfills

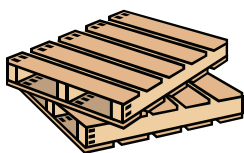
Effective October 1, 2009, recyclable rigid plastic containers, wooden pallets and oil filters will join the list of materials banned from North Carolina landfills.



State law defines a rigid plastic container as "... having a neck smaller than the body of the container, and that accepts a screw top, snap cap or other closure". The prohibition on the disposal

of recyclable rigid plastic containers in landfills does not apply to rigid plastic containers that are intended for use in the sale or distribution of motor oil or pesticides.

According to the NC Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance, North Carolinians currently recycle 18% of PET (#1) plastic bottles. The division also reports that we throw away more than \$41,411,600 in plastic each year.



A wooden pallet is defined as "a wooden object consisting of a flat or horizontal deck or platform

supported by structural components that is used as a base for assembling, stacking, handling and transporting goods".

Banning pallets means that they are prohibited from disposal in the landfill. We will, however, still accept the pallets at our sites but they will be processed differently. We will continue to grind the wooden pallets and use the wood chips for beneficial reuse.

Please separate the pallets from the rest of the garbage prior to your arrival. This will save you time when unloading. You will be directed to the appropriate location for the pallets.

Motor vehicle oil filter means "a filter that removes impurities from the oil used to lubricate an internal combustion engine in a motor vehicle". Local recycling programs that accept motor oil have added receptacles to collect filters as well.



These items join the list of banned materials already in effect. That list includes: used oil, yard waste, white goods (appliances), anti-freeze, aluminum cans, whole scrap tires, lead acid batteries, beverage containers (from establishments holding ABC permits) and oyster shells.

To find out more about your recycling options contact your local recycling coordinator or solid waste director.

On a Scale of 1 to 10...

The accuracy of our vehicle scales is vital to the way we do business. Our revenue is based on the weight of the material we receive. It's how we charge our customers, how we determine the amount of space taken up by garbage and how we plan for the future of the landfill.

That's why we routinely have the scales at the landfill and transfer stations calibrated. We contract with Charlotte Scale Company, Inc. They are certified by the State of North Carolina and all weight certificates can be traced to N.I.S.T. (The National Institute of Standards and Technology).



Ken Mallard with Charlotte Scale Company calibrates the scales at the Tuscarora Landfill.

Keep A Lid On It

The state picked up more than 10 million pounds of litter in 2007. That is more than one pound of litter for each of the state's 8.86 million citizens.

Please do your part to keep litter where it belongs. Make sure your loads are covered and secured when traveling to our sites.

If you shuck it, don't chuck it!

Speaking of bans, oysters shells are also banned from disposal in NC landfills. So what to do with all of those shells? The NC Division of Marine Fisheries has just the program. Their award winning Oyster Shell Recycling program puts the shells back into our coastal waters where they help build oyster reefs.

Recycled shell reefs are built on several sanctuaries already successfully established in waters to enhance the existing brood stock of native oysters. A single oyster produces millions of eggs annually and these baby oysters begin life as free-floating organisms but quickly settle to the bottom attaching themselves to hard surfaces.

Many area restaurants and seafood markets take part in this program as well as local governments. We have oyster shell receptacles at the landfill. For more information on this wonderful program call Sabrina Varnam, Program Coordinator at 1-800-682-2632 or 252-726-7021 or visit their website at: <http://www.ncfisheries.net/shellfish/recycle1.htm>



Meet Kristie and Cindy



Kristie Nobles



Cindy Farmer

It's time to put a face with a voice. If you've called our office, chances are very good that you've spoken to Kristie or Cindy.

Kristie is our Administrative Secretary. In addition to greeting guests and directing calls to the proper recipient, she provides support for Executive Director Allen Hardison and the Board of Directors.

Cindy is our Accounting Technician. She provides support for Finance Officer Miriam Sumner. Cindy takes care of customer accounts as well as employee matters such as payroll and insurance.



Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Fall Collection Events

It's that time again. Time to gather up those nearly empty cans of paint you've been saving for years or that eight track player you thought might be useful one day and take them to one of our collection events.

Once a year the Coastal Environmental Partnership and the NC Cooperative Extension Service sponsor a series of Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Days in Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties. We accept: latex and oil paints, used motor oil, lawn and garden fertilizer and pesticides, farm pesticides, gasoline, drain openers, paint thinners, cooking oil, anti-freeze and batteries.

We will also accept computers, CRT's, printers, televisions, used cell phones and other electronic waste for recycling from HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. SORRY, STATE LAW FORBIDS ACCEPTING MATERIALS FOR COMMERCIAL SOURCES!!

This year's dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, September 26
Carteret County Health Department
3820 Bridges Street, Morehead City
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17
Craven Community College
800 College Court, New Bern
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17
Pamlico County Courthouse
Highway 55, Bayboro
9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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