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Three New Landfill Bans

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THREE NEW LANDFILL BANS ADDED TO CURRENT STATE LIST

Motor Oil Filters, Plastic Bottles, Wooden Pallets Face Landfill Disposal Ban as of October 2009 State environmental officials encourage North Carolina residents to do their part to keep motor oil filters, wooden pallets and plastic bottles out of landfills. Effective Oct. 1, 2009, these items are banned from solid waste disposal in North Carolina.

This disposal ban on oil filters, pallets and plastic bottles recognizes that the recovery of these materials will contribute to the state's environmental and economic development goals. North Carolina is home to a wide range of companies that collect, process and recycle the banned materials back into a wide range of products.

"We encourage North Carolinians to help these disposal bans succeed by expanding and starting new recycling efforts," said Dee Freeman, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "Recycling is a proven job creator in North Carolina and if we do our best to recycle the newly banned materials, we will not only grow businesses in the  $\sim$ state, but also protect disposal capacity, recover valuable resources, save energy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

To help ensure the success of the disposal bans, DENR is strongly recommending that all generators of oil filters, plastic bottles and wooden pallets take steps to initiate recycling efforts. The Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance has posted information on how to start a recycling program for the banned materials at:

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http://p2pays.org/BannedMaterials/index.asp. Additional assistance is available from the DPPEA at (919) 715-6500.

Enforcement of the disposal bans will chiefly be applied at disposal facilities such as landfills and transfer stations by the N.C. Division of Waste Management. It is unlikely that enforcement will take place at individual businesses or other generating facilities. Depending on the type of violator and the severity of the violation, the Division of Waste Management may, at its discretion, assess a range of administrative and/or civil penalties for violation of the disposal bans. The law does allow for accidental or occasional disposal of small amounts of banned materials. Starting a recycling program for the banned materials is the simplest and easiest way to ensure compliance.

The disposal bans will also reinforce DENR's "2 Million Tons by 2012" goal, announced in 2008.

2 Million Tons by 2012 challenges local governments to improve the performance of their recycling programs to achieve an annual recovery rate of two million tons of recycling.

Oil filters, pallets and plastic bottles join a list of previously banned materials and other items (computer equipment and televisions) with disposal ban dates approaching on Jan. 1, 2011. The full list of banned materials can be found in the North Carolina General Statutes at http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37984.pdf. Nash County has been recycling electronic equipment like key boards, computers, monitors, cell and home phones, copers and other home use electronic equipment since July 1, 2009. Electronic equipment can be recycled at site 1 in MIddlesex, site 2 in Spring Hope, site 3 at Stricklands Crossroads, Site 5 (Old Carriage Rd), Site 6 (Drake), Site 8 (Salem), and Site 7 beside the landfill.

For more information on banned items, please contact DPPEA at (919) 715-6500 or (800) 763-0136. You can also visit the Web site at <a href="https://www.p2pays.org">www.p2pays.org</a>.

In Nash County, municipalities provide recycling services for residents—'trash' is picked up from large containers on certain days of the week and recycled items are picked up from recycling containers on other days. Rural residents dispose of all their trash at any of the nine Convenience Centers provided by Nash County Landfill for this purpose.

"The new rule means for Nash County residents, that the banned items should be placed in recycle bins instead of regular household trash containers. Rural residents will need to be careful to place banned items in recycling containers provided at rural Convenience Centers", says Matthew Richardson, Nash County's Solid Waste Manager. Nash County also provides recycling containers for disposal of oil filters at each convenience center and a container for recycling of mercury switches at the landfill.

For more information about Nash County's Solid Waste Program, including directions to recycling centers, you may call 459-9899 or visit <a href="www.health.co.nash.nc.us">www.health.co.nash.nc.us</a>.

## Effective October 1, 2009

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