



N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service Recycling in North Carolina



The Recycling and Materials Management Section promotes recycling programs and helps expand recycling infrastructure. Waste reduction and recycling provide tremendous benefits to North Carolina's economy and environment, by creating jobs and private investment, providing critical material supply to manufacturers, reducing dependence on landfills and saving natural resources.

Technical Assistance

Local Governments: Municipal and county governments provide essential recycling services to residents statewide. The state recycling program supports local programs with training, expert advice and grants to expand services and increase efficiency.



Recycling Businesses: More than 700 recycling companies in North Carolina help move recovered commodities from collection through processing and on to manufacturing into new products. The state recycling program is a resource for recycling companies, providing help on technical, business and financial issues.

Waste Generators: Commercial, institutional and industrial generators of discarded materials benefit from waste reduction and recycling activities, including meeting-zero-waste-to-landfill goals. The state recycling office assists generators in implementing waste reduction efforts and finding recycling services and markets.

State Agencies: State departments, universities and community colleges are significant waste generators. The state recycling program assists these agencies in optimizing their recycling efforts.

Grant Assistance

The state recycling program provides matching grants in annual cycles open to local government recycling programs and recycling businesses. Learn more by visiting:

- deq.nc.gov/conservation/recycling/local-government-recycling-assistance/grant-programs
- deq.nc.gov/conservation/recycling-business-assistance/rbac-financing

Recycling Outreach

Three different state recycling outreach campaigns help build public commitment to recycling and provide support to local recycling educational efforts. Visit each at:



www.recycleguys.org



www.recyclemorenc.org

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Recycling in NC By the Numbers

1.7 Million tons of materials recycled annually by local government programs.

17,000 North Carolinians directly employed by the private recycling industry.

2.15 Million households served by 328 curbside programs.

674 Recycling businesses in North Carolina.

Based on 2017 data

Landfill Ban:

plastic bottles,
aluminum cans,
oil,
oil filters,
televisions,
computer equipment,
appliances,
wooden pallets,
antifreeze,
Lead acid batteries
yard waste and
tires.

Recycling Markets Directory

The North Carolina Recycling Markets Directory identifies recycling markets and service options for a wide spectrum of recyclable materials, as well as collection and processing services. Contact program staff to help guide you through the directory.



www.p2pays.org/dmrm

WasteTrader

NC WasteTrader is a free waste exchange service to help facilitate waste diversion and recycling, particularly for unusual or hard-to-market materials.



www.ncwastetrader.org

Recycling Economic Development

The state recycling program connects directly with the North Carolina Economic Development Partnership, Department of Commerce and local economic developers to improve the state's recycling economy.

Special Focus on Organics

The state recycling program works to divert wasted food and other organics to compost and other beneficial uses, helping to address issues like food security and soil health.

Related Services



The state recycling program works closely with Waste Reduction Partners to identify and implement waste reduction and recycling efforts by commercial, institutional and industrial generators.



The NC GreenTravel program recognizes commitments to sustainability by North Carolina's tourism industry.

