



You Can Be Fined Up To \$15,000 Per Day Per Violation For Illegal Dumping In NC

There are a lot of misunderstandings about the proper management of solid waste in NC. Some people think it's OK to burn trash in barrels because they've always done it that way. It's not. Others think it's always OK to bury land clearing debris without a permit. But that's not true.

The N.C. Division of Waste Management enforces the state Solid Waste Management Rules, and many local governments have additional restrictions on solid waste management. Violating these rules can be expensive -- with fines as high as \$15,000 per day per violation for serious cases or repeat violations. Substantial fines can be assessed, even for minor or first-time violations.

North Carolina Solid Waste Management Rules hold generators, haulers, disposal site owners and landfill operators responsible for the proper disposal of solid waste.

Illegal Disposal Activities

- Dumping on an unpermitted site
- Burning
- Burying without a permit
- Disposal in Water

Approved Solid Waste Management Methods

Recycle

	Municipal Solid Waste	Construction or Demolition Waste	Land Clearing Waste	Inert Debris
Permitted Materials Recovery Facility	X			X
Permitted Construction and Demolition Treatment and Processing Facility		X	X	X
Permitted or Notified Land Clearing Debris Treatment and Processing Facility			X	X

Disposal

	Municipal Solid Waste	Construction or Demolition Waste	Land Clearing Waste	Inert Debris
Permitted Municipal Solid Waste Landfill	X	X		X
Permitted Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station	X	X		X
Permitted Construction and Demolition Landfill		X	X	X
Permitted Construction and Demolition Transfer Station		X	X	X
Permitted or Notified Land Clearing and Inert Debris Landfill			X	X

NOTE: Hazardous waste, lead acid batteries, liquid waste, including used oil, regulated medical waste, and any other wastes that may pose a threat to the environment or the public health, as determined by the Division, are prohibited from disposal at a solid waste disposal/recycling site.

Types of Solid Waste

Municipal Solid Waste is any solid waste resulting from the operation of residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, or institutional establishments that would normally be collected, processed, and disposed of through a public or private solid waste management service. **Examples:** Household trash that is collected curbside or taken to a convenience site.

Construction and Demolition Waste is solid waste resulting solely from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition operations on pavement, buildings, or other structures. **Examples:** Shingles, siding, insulation, treated wood, painted wood, etc.

Land Clearing Waste is solid waste which is generated solely from land clearing activities such as stumps, trees, limbs, brush, grass, and other naturally occurring vegetative material. **Examples:** Stumps, trees, limbs, brush, untreated wood, etc.

Inert Debris is solid waste which consists solely of material that is virtually inert and that is likely to retain its physical and chemical structure under expected conditions of disposal. **Examples:** Unpainted concrete, brick, concrete block, uncontaminated soil, rock and gravel.

Dispose or recycle all wastes at a permitted facility – it's the law. Improper disposal can be considered a Class I felony crime. For more information or to locate the proper disposal facility, contact your local solid waste office: Asheville 828-296-4500, Fayetteville 910-433-3300, Mooresville 704-663-1699, Wilmington 910-796-7215, Winston-Salem 336-771-5000, Washington 252-946-6481, Raleigh 919-791-4200, or call the Raleigh Central office at 919-508-8400. For more information visit <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw/illegaldumping>