NC STATE LANDFILL BANS

State environmental officials encourage North Carolinians to do their part to keep recyclable materials out of Landfills. Recycling is a proven job creator in North Carolina and if we always do our best to recycle, we will grow businesses in the state, recover valuable resources, save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect landfill capacity.

Thank you for doing your part!

The following materials are BANNED from LANDFILL DISPOSAL in NC and MUST be RECYCLED.

Aluminum cans
Antifreeze
Computer equipment
Lead acid batteries
Motor oil and filters
Plastic bottles
Televisions
White goods (appliances)
Whole scrap tires
Wooden pallets
Yard waste

Beverage containers from ABC permitted facilities.

Fluorescent lighting and Mercury thermostats are banned from disposal in any unlined landfill.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

For residents living in the MUNICIPAL areas of Catawba County, contact numbers are provided below to learn about municipal recycling.

City of Claremont	(828) 459-7009	Town of Brookford	(828) 322-4903
City of Conover	(828) 464-4808	Town of Catawba	(828) 241-2215
City of Hickory	(828) 323-7500	Town of Longview	(828) 322-3921
City of Newton	(828) 695-4294	Town of Maiden	(828) 428-5000

Educational Tours are offered at the **Blackburn Landfill Facility**
4017 Rocky Ford Rd, Newton, NC 28658 / (704) 462-1348
Operating hours are Mon-Fri 8am-4pm & Sat 8am-11:30am
Educational Tours are offered at the **Republic Services Recycling Facility**
130 Somerset Dr, Conover, NC 28613 / (828) 327-3119
To learn more contact:

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Solidwaste and Recycling Services



www.catawbacountync.gov
www.republicservices.com/site/hickory-nc

CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

The **automated waste collection system** uses one type of roll-out cart that will be serviced by automated equipment.

This means that only one person will be operating the truck and no one will be riding on the back, making the process faster and safer.

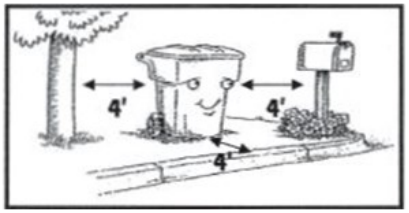
The roll-out carts provided by Republic Services are stable and designed to not blow over, even in high winds. Lids are attached and snug-fitting to keep out pests and animals. The carts also have a smooth interior, making cleaning easier.



TO HELP SERVE YOU BETTER, REMEMBER TO:

- Please place all carts within 4 feet of the curb with the handle and wheels facing away from the street.
- Make sure the carts are at least 4 feet from trees, mailboxes, cars, other carts, yard waste, recyclables or any other obstruction.
- Only items that are placed in the carts will be collected by the automated truck. **Due to safety reasons, please do not leave trash or garbage outside the roll-out carts.**
- If you regularly generate more household garbage and recycling than your roll-out carts will hold, call customer service at (828) 256-2158 to order an additional cart. Additional carts for rural customers may be rented for $1.50 per month. Municipal cart fees vary.

To arrange for residential curbside service, please contact



Republic Services at (828) 256-2158 and start enjoying the many benefits of the program!

CONVENIENCE CENTER RECYCLING

Items accepted for Recycling at the five Convenience Centers is the same as the County's Curbside Single Stream Recycling program, in addition to the following.

Additional items accepted for recycling at the Centers include:
Appliances—Rocky Ford Rd.
Antifreeze—Rocky Ford Rd. & Bethany
Cooking Oil & Grease—Rocky Ford Rd., Bethany, Cooksville and Oxford.
Motor Oil & Filters - Rocky Ford Rd., Bethany, Cooksville and Oxford.

APPLIANCES AND SCRAP METAL

Appliance and Scrap Metal recycling is available at the Blackburn Landfill year round during regular Landfill operating hours, free of charge. Appliances are also accepted at the Rocky Ford Rd. Convenience Center.



Also, twice a year, to coincide with Litter Sweep Weeks, Republic will provide appliance collection at no charge to Republic's existing residential customers who request collection Apr. 18-25, 2026. Call 828-624-2445 for more

BULKY WASTE

Bulky Waste (furniture, chairs, mattresses) disposal is offered at all County Convenience Centers and the Blackburn Landfill, fees apply.



Additionally, Republic Services will provide bulky waste collection service (for existing residential customers) on an on-call basis for a fee of $40 per pick up load.

SOLIDWASTE AND RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTERS

Rocky Ford Rd. Convenience Center
3864 Rocky Ford Rd
Newton, NC 28658
(704) 462-2496
Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Monday through Saturday

Bethany Church Rd Convenience Center
2436 Bethany Church Rd
Newton, NC 28658
(828) 465-4635
Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday through Saturday

Cooksville Convenience Center
3659 Rhoney Farm Rd
Vale, NC 28168
(704) 462-1497
Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 6:00pm
Friday & Saturday

Oxford Convenience Center
4637 Lookout Dam Rd
Catawba, NC 28609
(828) 241-3774
Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday through Sunday

Sherrills Ford Convenience Center
8876 Sherrills Ford Rd
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
(828) 478-2248
Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday through Sunday

Convenience Center Fees:

Residential Garbage: $2.00 per bag
Small Truck (6ft bed or less): $20.00
Large Truck (up to 8ft bed): $30.00
Larger loads will be sent to the Landfill.

Recycling is free of charge!

WHAT ABOUT OTHER HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS?

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



The County provides bi-annual one-day collection events, in the Spring and Fall, to accept residential household hazardous waste from the citizens of Catawba County, free of charge. Visit the County's website (U&E Dept) for more event information at www.catawbacountync.gov

Examples of HHW materials accepted at the one-day events:
Pesticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers, Brake Fluid, Antifreeze, Gasoline, Kerosene, Motor Oil and Filters, Batteries, Lacquer, Paint Thinner, Solvents, Degreasers, Cleaners, Pool Chemicals, Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes, Mercury, Microwaves, Electronics and Paint.

These items are not accepted:
Garbage, Commercial Waste, Tires, Appliances, Ammunition, Explosives, Medical Waste, Radioactive Materials and Unknown Cylinders.

Missed the event? No problem, call STAT Inc at (828) 396-2304, fees may apply.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL



Catawba County Law Enforcement Agencies provide drop boxes at ten facilities throughout the County for safe and proper disposal of medications and prescription drugs. Questions call (828) 465-8278.

Drop Box Locations: Catawba County Sheriff's Office, Brookford, Catawba, Claremont, Conover, Hickory, Longview, Newton, Maiden and Sherrills Ford Terrell Sheriff's Office.

TIRES

Residents may bring up to five (5) tires per year to the Blackburn Landfill, Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm, free of charge.



Tires must be free of mud and water and rims must be removed before disposing. Please call (704) 462-1348 for further instructions.

PLASTIC BAGS

The best way to recycle Plastic Bags is to return them back to shopping centers and grocery stores located throughout Catawba County.

Do not put plastic bags in the recycling cart



CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

For Residents living in the unincorporated areas of Catawba County

Roll-out Cart Use:

GARBAGE

- Collection occurs **once a week**. Please place your cart at the curb (with the cart handle facing your house) the night before or by 6:00 a.m on your designated pickup day.
- Make sure all garbage is tied in plastic bags and fits inside roll-out carts with the lid closed.
- Please secure all dangerous materials in separate bags in your garbage including broken glass, light bulbs, and sharp pieces of metal. This will prevent injuries for you and the collection personnel.

RECYCLING

- Collection occurs **every other week** on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Please place your recycling cart at the curb (with the cart handle facing your house) the night before or by 6:00 a.m on your designated pickup day.
- Properly prepare your recyclables by rinsing and flattening (if possible).
- **Please do NOT bag your recycling!** The single stream recycling system collects materials with no separation needed.

If your cart is damaged or stolen or if you have any questions about curbside services, please call Republic Services at (828) 256-2158.

RECYCLING what's it all about?

Recycling is a way of diverting solid waste from our landfills. It's about turning trash into commodities. It's a responsible, cost effective way to help solve disposal problems. Recycling helps preserve our natural resources, reduce pollution and saves energy.

Recycling Just Makes Sense!

What if I am unsure about whether something can be recycled?

Please contact the County's Waste Reduction Office at (828) 465-8217 or Republic Services at (828) 256-2158 or visit the County's website (Utilities and Engineering Dept) at www.catawbacountync.gov.

Want Curbside Pickup?

For information on residential curbside recycling and garbage pickup, please contact Republic Services at (828) 256-2158.

Residential Curbside Service Fees:

Residential Recycler: $23.97 monthly (Includes cart rental)
Non-Recycler: $31.40 monthly (Includes cart rental)
Additional carts for rural customers may be rented for $1.50 per month.



Recycle Right!

Since 2000, Catawba County has ranked among the top 5 counties in NC for recycling and now it's even easier to recycle through the single stream recycling program! You can recycle the items listed below all together in your recycling cart.

RECYCLING MADE EASY!

YES! Please place these items in your Recycling cart:



All Plastic Bottles and Containers and Lids
Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers and Lids
Rigid Plastics
Mixed Paper, Newspapers with Inserts, Junk Mail, Computer Paper, Office Paper, Color Paper and Envelopes
Magazines, Telephone Books, Paperback Books
Cardboard, Gift Boxes and Shoe Boxes
Core Rolls from Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
Pizza, Cereal and Food Boxes (no food debris)
Milk and Juice Cartons and Boxes (no liquid) (all boxes should be flattened and placed into cart)
Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans and Lids
Glass Bottles and Jars (all colors)

NO! Please do NOT put these items in your Recycling cart:

Plastic Bags, Plastic Film or Wrap
Food and Candy Wrappers
Styrofoam Containers or Foam Packaging
Waxed Cardboard
Rubber or Tires
Hazardous Waste, Electronics and Paint
Batteries
Medical Waste and Supplies
Glassware or Light Bulbs
Clothing or Fabric
Construction Debris or Yard Waste
Food Waste or Household Garbage

NO Tanglers

NO Plastic Bags
NO Garden Hoses
NO Wire Hangers

HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS

Services offered to ALL Catawba County Residents

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



A permanent residential electronics collection is available at the Blackburn Landfill year round, free of charge.

Call (704) 462-1348 for hours.

Types of acceptable electronics:

- Computers
- Laptops
- Printers
- Scanners
- Keyboards
- Cables
- Mice
- TVs
- Cell Phones
- Stereos
- Speakers
- Cameras
- VCRs
- Copiers
- Calculators
- iPods
- Batteries
- Microwaves

PAINT RECYCLING



A permanent residential paint collection is available at the Blackburn Landfill year round, free of charge.

No spray paint allowed

Call (704) 462-1348 for hours.

Helpful hints: Empty paint cans (no liquid or lids) can be disposed in regular household garbage. Cans that contain paint can be left in a well-ventilated area to allow liquid to dry, and if necessary add mulch, sand, or kitty litter to accelerate the drying process. Once the paint is completely dry it can be disposed in the regular household garbage.

YARD WASTE

Leaves and grass clippings (loose or in biodegradable paper bags) are accepted at the Blackburn Landfill, free of charge.



Also, Republic Services provides a yard waste collection service (only to existing customers) to include small woody waste (wood and other yard waste such as leaves, vines, etc) on an on-call basis to customers for a fee of $2 per 32-gallon bag collected. Bags must be biodegradable.

A minimum of $20, or ten bags, would be required per service call.

Transfer & Processing Area

The Transfer and Processing area is located at the Blackburn Landfill. Asphalt, concrete, brick, and block are accepted for recycling at no charge only if material is free of steel reinforcements.

Clean and uncontaminated natural wooden pallets, furniture blocks, and wood are also recycled at the Blackburn Landfill at no charge.



For materials containing reinforcements and for treated or painted wood, refer to the fee schedule on the County's website for more information.