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## State recycling campaign partners with Asheville bands

The 'BANned' Tour educates music fans about NC's plastic bottle landfill ban

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The state recycling campaign RE3.org is hosting a "BANned" Tour across North Carolina which will bring information on the Oct. 1 plastic bottle landfill ban to numerous local music venues and coffee shops in the upcoming months.

Two local Asheville bands – Kung Fu Dynamite and Fifth House – are joining the BANned Materials Tour to help spread the word that plastic bottles have been banned from landfills effective Oct. 1. Kung Fu Dynamite and Fifth House will be performing at 8 p.m. Friday at the Emerald Lounge.

The disposal ban on plastic bottles acknowledges the recovery of these materials will help meet North Carolina's environmental and economic goals. North Carolina is home to a wide range of companies that collect, process and manufacture recycled materials back into a variety of products. The disposal bans also reinforce North Carolina's "2 million tons by 2012" goal, challenging citizens and local governments to achieve an annual recovery rate of 2 million tons of recycling.

"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 business in this state, but also protect disposal capacity, recover valuable resources, save energy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Dee Freeman, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

For more information about where and how to recycle plastic bottles, residents are encouraged to contact their local solid waste department for details on how to recycle their area. Businesses interested in starting a recycling program should contact their contracted waste hauler.

For additional technical assistance in business recycling programs, or for residential recycling information, contact Holly Bullman at Land-of-Sky Regional Council at 251-6622. Additional information about the upcoming bans can be found at [www.p2pays.org](http://www.p2pays.org) or call 800-763-0136.

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