



Landfill ready for new state laws

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— Edgecombe County Landfill Director Danny Bagley has been ready for more than a month for the state's new landfill ban effective today.

Landfills in North Carolina are banned from burying wood pallets, plastic bottles and used oil filters. When those materials are brought to the county landfill at 2797 Colonial Road Edgecombe County will handle them so they can be recycled elsewhere or turned into another useful material on site.

Though he was ready for it, Bagley said he's not a big fan of the word "ban" describing the new law for disposal of those materials. "People think if you 'ban' (those materials), that we won't take them" at all at the landfill, he added.

On the contrary, the landfill got a head start on collecting wood pallets around a month ago. Bagley stood next to a long, wide line of pallets that have been collected since then: "None of these were here" at the beginning of the month, he added.

A Raleigh man, David King, had already collected a 50-foot-long trailer load of the pallets, Bagley said, and a massive pile remained at the landfill. Any pallets not collected for other use will be ground up, turned into free mulch for county residents to pick up, the landfill director added.

For the county to accept the pallets, they must be cleared of all debris, such as concrete, dirt or plastic coverings. Used oil filters must also be cleared of any oil for the landfill to accept them.

When people are bringing plastic bottles to recycling centers or the landfill, the caps must be taken off. Landfill Administrative Assistant Gloria Moseley said previously a woman had to sift through a trash bag full of plastic bottles to remove all the caps, because they could not be recycled.

Other materials that have been previously banned from being buried within state landfills include: aluminum cans, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, motor oil, oyster shells, appliances like refrigerators, ABC beverage containers, scrap tires and yard waste.

The county's nine recycling centers can accept the materials such as the plastic and glass bottles, as well as the aluminum cans.

The nine recycling centers are at:

• 349 Bale Road near, Rocky Mount.

• 46 Burnette Farm Road, near Conetoe.

• 2797 Colonial Road, at the landfill.

• 1242 Dickens Road, near Speed.

• 1542 Gay Road, near Rocky Mount.

• 1429 Harts Chapel Road, west of Tarboro.

• 442 Living Hope Church Road, near Macclesfield.

• 1056 Spivey Rod, near Leggett.

• 335 Wells Road, near Whitakers.

Recycling center hours are open Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 2-6 p.m. The recycling centers remain open through most holidays during the year.

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Edgecombe County Landfill Director Danny Bagley shifts a pallet, among the pile of them collected so far at the landfill on Colonial Road. Beginning today, pallets are banned from being buried in state landfills. Staff Writer