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Plastic bottles to be banned from NC landfills

Staff reports

Plastic bottles are banned from North Carolina's landfills starting Oct. 1.

The ban is meant to help satisfy the growing demand for plastic by recycling bottles, said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. North Carolina recovers fewer than one in five plastic bottles generated in the state despite having large processors of such materials, the department said.

Orange County leads the way in recovery of the bottles with 29.42 pounds recovered per person. Top in Western North Carolina for recovery is Mitchell County with 10.53 pounds, followed by Yancey County with 7.50 pounds.

Buncombe County recovers 4.1 pounds per person, just above the state average of 3.81 pounds.

Four counties statewide, including Graham, do not collect plastic. Of those in WNC that do collect, the lowest collection was Cherokee County with 0.76 pounds per person.
