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Plastic bottle recycling grows

PITTSBORO -- The Chatham County Waste Management Department has announced that recycling of mixed plastic rigid bottles will be expanded to each of its 12 collection centers in the county, effective Tuesday. The measure ensures that the county complies with a state ban on No. 1 to No. 7 rigid plastic bottles in landfills.

The collection centers will accept those types of rigid plastic bottles only.

Bob Holden, director of Waste Management, said residents can both save county money and promote effective recycling by making sure that they follow the rules about what should not be placed in the containers for No. 1 to No. 7 plastic bottles at the centers. Examples include:

- Plastic tubs and cups, such as butter and yogurt containers, which are made from a different type of plastic than bottles.
- Plastic bags, which should be taken to grocery stores and other retail stores that collect bags for recycling.
- Styrofoam items.
- Glass bottles.
- Any plastics that are not bottles labeled No. 1 to No. 7.

For more information, contact Waste Management at (919) 542-5516.