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Plastic Bottle Ban Starts Next Week In North Carolina

State lawmakers have banned plastic bottles from landfills to encourage recycling.

Greensboro, NC - In an effort to alleviate landfill capacity the N.C. General Assembly passed a bill in 2005, that would ban the disposal of plastic bottles in landfills effective October 1, 2009.

Currently, four out of every five plastic containers which equate to almost 288 million pounds are thrown away in North Carolina each year.

Guilford County Solid Waste Manager Sheldon Smith says recycling is not only an proactive way to protect the environment but a way to give the once used product a new life. The recycled material is used in carpeting, other types of containers and clothing.

Greensboro currently ranks seventh in the state for its recycling efforts. According to the states statistics if all the plastic bottles used in our state were recycled, more than 2.4 billion additional plastic bottles would be kept out of landfills annually.

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