



What does the new N.C. law say about plastic bottle recycling requirements?

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Reduce, reuse, recycle. And so it soon. Oct. 1, 2009 marks the day that plastic bottles will no longer be welcome in North Carolina trash cans. This includes any bottles with a neck smaller than the container itself (but does not apply to containers that are intended for use in the sale and distribution of motor oil). House Bill 1465 was brought about during the 2005 legislative season and is a part of an effort to reduce more than 70,000 tons of plastic tossed into N.C. state landfills each year.

Your choices are to use recycling curbside containers or a trip to the local recycling center. Although many recycling pick-ups are not available in all county locations (though Wilmington does offer the service), causing many residents to cry fowl, instead requesting container deposit legislation.

While state lawmakers have admitted that it will be close to impossible to enforce this law on every citizen tossing trash, collectors will ultimately be responsible to weed out plastic parcels found on their routes.

Here are the links to recycling drop-off facilities for New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties:

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

www.nhcgov.com/AgnAndDpt/ENVM/Pages/DropOffSitesForNewHanoverCounty.aspx

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

www.brunswickcountync.gov/Departments/SolidWasteandRecycling/RecyclingCenters/tabid/412/Default.aspx

PENDER COUNTY

www.pendercountync.gov/Government/Departments/SolidWaste/Recycling