



# Talking Trash

## Our Mission

The Coastal Environmental Partnership's mission is to produce a cleaner, safer and healthier environment by providing, operating and managing an economically and technically sound municipal solid waste management system for the citizens of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

Did you know....

- Paper makes up 23% of the state's waste stream?
- Aluminum cans are banned from disposal in landfills?
- Diapers make up 1% of the state's waste stream?

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## The History of Garbage

Garbage, the technical term for putrescent organic matter such as kitchen or food scraps, was fed to pigs and other livestock or boiled down in a process known as "rendering," to extract fats, oils, and greases for manufacturing lubricants, or allowed to dry to become commercial fertilizer. Rubbish, a broad category of dry goods including boxes, bottles, tin cans, or virtually anything made from wood, metal, glass, and cloth, could be transformed into new consumer products through a variety of reclamation methods.

Man has been creating garbage throughout history, beginning with bone fragments left over from using animal parts and stone fragments discarded from toolmaking. The degree to which groups of early humans began engaging in can be estimated by examining the type and quality of animal bones in their garbage. Garbage from prehistoric or pre-civilization humans was often collected into mounds called midden, which might contain things such as "a mix of discarded food, charcoal, shell tools, and broken pottery".

A midden (also kitchen midden or shell heap; from early Scandinavian; Danish: mødding, Swedish regional: mōdding) is an old dump for domestic waste which may consist of animal bone, botanical material, mollusc shells, sherds, and other artifacts and ecofacts associated with past human occupation.

Some shell middens are directly associated with villages, as a designated village dump site. In other middens, the material is directly associated with a house in the village. Each household would dump its garbage directly outside the house. In all cases, shell middens are extremely complex and very difficult to excavate fully and exactly. The fact that they contain a detailed record of what food was eaten or processed and many fragments of stone tools and household goods makes them invaluable objects of archaeological study.

Shells have a high calcium carbonate content, which tends to make the middens alkaline. This slows the normal rate of decay caused by soil acidity, leaving a relatively high proportion of organic material (food remnants, organic tools, clothing, human remains) available for archaeologists to find.

## News From DEACS

### *N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service*

#### **Recycling Grant Opportunities for Local Governments**

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) is accepting applications for 2018 *Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants!* This annual grant provides funding to counties and municipalities in support of a wide range of public recycling projects. To learn more, download the 2018 Request for Proposals. The deadline to apply for grant funding is Feb. 16.

#### **Connect to Public and State Recycling Programs through Social Media**

Social media is a powerful tool, and public recycling programs should take advantage of this format to promote recycling in the community. North Carolina's recycling education campaigns have a social media presence, and we want you to like us, really like us - on social media that is! Please follow the program's Facebook and Twitter pages to keep up-to-date on recycling news, tips, how-to's and recycling campaigns. We will share your posts too! In recycling, communication is key to getting information to citizens. Social media is an easy tool to spread the word.

Connect with us on Facebook at: @RecycleMoreNC, @RecycleGuys and @RE3.org.

On Twitter, follow us @RecycleMoreNC

Don't forget to tag us at #RecycleMoreNC

For recycling education and outreach assistance, please contact Mindy Love at (919) 707-8127



### **Are Your Recyclables Clean?**

China, the largest global importer of recyclables, is making strides to eradicate contamination in recyclables shipped from the United States. China no longer buys most of the paper and plastic U.S. consumers recycle. In July, Chinese officials told the World Trade Organization that they will limit the entry of "foreign waste" by banning two dozen types of materials that often contain "dirty wastes" or even hazardous wastes.

This will result in extreme hardships to those trying to export their recyclables. The U.S. alone exported about two-thirds of the wastepaper and more than 40 percent of its discarded plastic to the country last year.

In recent years recycling companies have been struggling with higher processing costs, due in part to newer, larger recycling bins that don't require user sorting and thus become increasingly contaminated with garbage. U.S. consumers regularly throw unrecyclable materials into their curbside bins: items that range from trash bags and even food waste to diapers, syringes, and doggie beds. In most cities, about 30 percent or more of what residents put in their bins cannot be recycled. "Some people call this 'Wishful Recycling,'" said James Delvin CEO of ReCommunity Recycling. "When in doubt, put it in the bin and they might recycle it".

So, what's in your recycling bin? What should be in your recycling bin? For more information, call your local solid waste director. Some cities accept different materials than their counties.

## Welcome Jason Jones



The Coastal Environmental Partnership welcomes Jason R. Jones to our Board of Directors. Jason replaces Commissioner Tom Mark.

As a member of the Craven County Board of Commissioners, Jason represents District 2. The Tuscarora Landfill is in Jason's district.

Commissioner Jones, a native and lifelong resident of Craven County, was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2006, and served one term. He was elected again in 2014. He is the owner of S & J Farm located in the Asbury community, which produces soybeans, cattle, cotton and corn.

Commissioner Jones is active in his church, where he serves as a Deacon, Chairman of the Administrative Board and member of the choir. He also serves on the Rescue 30 Board of Directors and the Craven County Farm Bureau Board.

Commissioner Jones is married to Jennifer Jones, a counselor at James W. Smith Elementary School in western Craven County. They have one daughter, Emily Jones, who is a student at James W. Smith Elementary School.

Commissioner Jones is also a member of the following boards:

- Cove City Library Board
- Craven County Health Board
- Partners in Education

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