



Talking Trash

COASTAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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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...

- ◆ It is illegal to burn trash and non-vegetative materials in North Carolina.
- ◆ The Open Burning Rule is one of North Carolina's oldest air quality regulations, first adopted in 1971.
- ◆ Some of the most dangerous chemicals created and released during burning are those from burning plastics.

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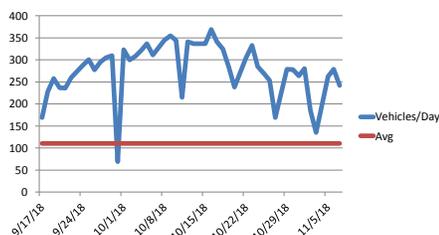
Florence

September 13, 2018. Our beautiful coastal area was decimated by Hurricane Florence. Almost three months later we still see the remnants of that powerful storm.

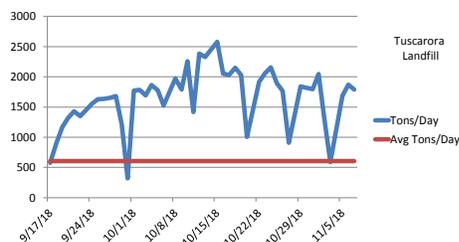
We were able to open our facilities four days after Florence left. The traffic at the transfer stations was steady but traffic at the landfill was a different story. There were vehicles lined up as far as you could see. Our busiest days for vehicles were mid October when we reached numbers over 350. Naturally, tonnage was highest at that time also reaching over 2,600 tons in one day. For a while we averaged 1,800 tons per day. Our pre-storm average is 600 tons.

The numbers are decreasing but it's going to be quite a while before things are back to normal, if that can be found. I have a feeling we will be looking at a new normal.

Tuscarora Landfill Vehicle Count



Tuscarora Landfill Total Tons



That's a lot of trash!



The Green Team

It's that time of year again. Greenery everywhere, where we shop, where we play, where we live. Do you ever think about all the greenery around you when you travel?

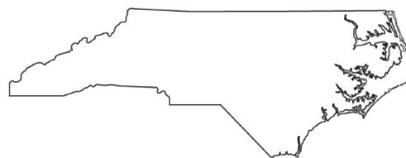
The North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service provides information about all things green as you travel. There are hotels, restaurants, parks, attractions, festivals and events, to name a few. NC DEACS describes "green" tourism as Practicing good environmental stewardship through the use of methods and products that lessen the adverse impact on the environment.

What can you expect when looking for green lodging? First of all you have the option of recycling. A recycling container placed beside a trash can makes the decision to recycle an easy one. Additionally, offering towel rack hangers and sheet changing cards which ask guests to consider using their linens more than once. These reminders, now found in thousands of hotel guest bathrooms, can save 5% on utilities alone. At least 70% of guests can be expected to participate.

What about dining? One of the more popular dining experiences is know as "Farm-to-Table". Wikipedia describes farm-to-table as a social movement which promotes serving local food at restaurants and school cafeterias, preferably through direct acquisition from the producer (which might be a winery, brewery, ranch, fishery, or other type of food producer which is not strictly a "farm"). This might be accomplished by a direct sales relationship, a community-supported agriculture arrangement, a farmer's market, a local distributor or by the restaurant or school raising its own food. Farm-to-table often incorporates a form of food traceability (celebrated as "knowing where your food comes from") where the origin of the food is identified to consumers.

Dining and sleeping, what's next? How about a green festival? The Earth and Surf Fest in North Topsail Beach is an Environmental Awareness event and their mission is to create a fun avenue for individuals to make the connection between the health of our environment, our economy, and our people. This Award Winning event includes a Stand Up Paddleboard Race, Yoga, Waterway Sport Demos, a 5K Run on the Beach (Sand Run), Beach Cleanup, Booths, Exhibits, and Live Entertainment.

For more green travel ideas, contact the North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service at 877-623-6748 or <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/environmental-assistance-customer-service/nc-green-travel-program>



Miriam Wins Again

What do you do when you win twenty-three CAFR awards? That's right, you make room for number twenty-four.

She's done it again. Miriam Sumner, our Finance Officer, just received her 24th consecutive CAFR award. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The presentation was made to **Miriam S. Sumner, Finance Officer.**

The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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