



COASTAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Talking Trash

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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.

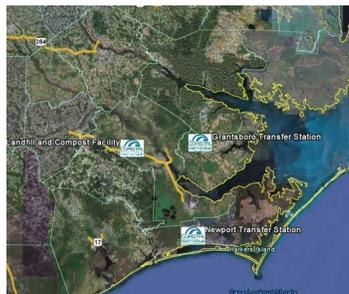
Did you know...

- ◆ Scrap tires are accepted at our sites
- ◆ We collect Household Hazardous Waste annually in each of our 3 counties. Go to our website at www.cepnc.org for more information.

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The History of the CEP

The Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority was formed in 1990 as a partnership between Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties. The name was shortened in 2008 to the Coastal Environmental Partnership, or CEP. CEP's purpose is to provide an environmentally sound, cost effective system of solid waste disposal for the citizens of the three member counties.

The Coastal Environmental Partnership is a public authority, governed by a 7 member Board of Directors appointed by the County Commissioners of the member counties. As a unit of local government, we began operations on October 9, 1993.

Prior to CRSWMA, Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, each of the 3 counties operated its own landfill. To comply with federal legislation that required new landfills be lined, the 3 counties combined resources and built a lined landfill system in Craven County and a transfer station in both Carteret and Pamlico counties. No longer a big hole in the ground, landfill cells are built from the ground up. They reach up to 125 feet. They are lined in order to protect your groundwater. Solid waste in Carteret and Pamlico is transferred to the Tuscarora Landfill in Craven County. The total amount of solid waste processed daily averages 650 tons.

The CEP recently opened its 5th lined cell. A cell is approximately 20 acres in size and takes an average of 7-8 years to fill up.

Landfill gas and leachate are generated when garbage starts decomposing. Leachate is produced when liquid comes in contact with the garbage.



The leachate is extracted from the cell and sent to the City of New Bern Waste Water Treatment Facility. Methane is extracted from the landfill gas and turned into electricity.

The first trash of Phase 4, the fifth cell (it's a long story), deposited on September 17, 2019.



Compost and Mulch

One of the highlights of the Coastal Environmental Partnership is our organic compost and mulch program.

Compost is an organic amendment to improve the chemical, physical and biological properties of soils. It is not normally considered a fertilizer as it is too low in nutrient content for all plant nutrient needs. However, compost has many benefits for soil improvement and plant growth:

We grind only clean yard waste (leaves, limbs, etc.) for compost. No painted, pressure-treated or creosote wood is used. After grinding, the material is laid out in windrows and water is added.

Finally, the material is screened through a machine known as a trammel screen. The trammel screen separates small particles of yard waste from large particles. With openings only 5/8ths of an inch in the screen, only very small particles are used for compost. The larger particles are sold as mulch.

Pickups, Trailers & Large Trucks are welcome. Compost is sold in bulk with a minimum charge of \$1.00. It is loaded on site when you arrive. Customers may also bring their own bags & shovels if they wish to bag the compost.

CEP Locations & Hours

Tuscarora Landfill

Permit #2509

Site is located at: 7400 Old Hwy 70 West, New Bern.

OPEN Monday - Friday: 7:30 - 4:30 and Sat. 7:30 - 2:00

Phone 252-366-1564

The Tuscarora site accepts:

Municipal solid waste

Yard waste

Construction and Demolition Waste

Inert Debris

Scrap tires

Grantsboro Transfer Station

Permit #6903T

Located at the old Pamlico landfill at 3291 Hwy. 306 N., Grantsboro, NC (3 miles North of Grantsboro)

OPEN Monday - Friday: 8:30 - 4:00 and Sat. 8:30 - 12 noon

Phone 252-745-4149

The Grantsboro site accepts:

Municipal solid waste

Yard waste

Construction and Demolition Waste

Scrap Tires

Newport Transfer Station

Permit #1604T

This site is located at the old Carteret landfill at 800 Hibbs Road, Newport, NC

OPEN Monday - Friday: 7:30 - 4:30 and Sat. 7:30 - 12 noon

Phone 252-223-3321

The Newport site accepts:

Municipal solid waste

Yard waste

Construction and Demolition Waste

Scrap tires

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The Coastal Environmental Partnership sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Collection events each year in our three county service area. We normally have one event in each county in the fall. This year the dates have changed and we have added an extra event to the schedule.

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| April 10 th | Carteret County | To be held at the Crystal Coast Civic Center |
| May 15 th | Pamlico County | To be held at the Pamlico County Courthouse |
| September 25 th | Carteret County | Location to be determined |
| October 16 th | Craven County | Location to be determined |

Accepted items include: Latex and oil paints, used motor oil, farm pesticides, gasoline, drain openers, paint thinners, cooking oil and antifreeze.

Items not accepted include: Commercial waste, gas cylinders, explosives, ammunition, or infectious, biological and radioactive wastes.

State law forbids accepting materials from commercial sources.



Pandemic and Trash

Over the last 12 months Coastal Environmental Partnership has seen historic levels of municipal solid waste (MSW) or household garbage for the region. We have received and landfilled approximately 170,000 tons of MSW. An average year for our region is 140,000 tons.

As we all know, this time frame coincides with the Covid-19 Pandemic. We conclude that our area is experiencing more visitors to our region's attractions, and also our resident population is staying at home more, both of which create more trash.

-Bobby Darden, Executive Director



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