



LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AVAILABILITY FEE – PURPOSE AND BENEFITS

SOLID WASTE

Lincoln County charges an “availability fee,” currently \$99.00 per year, to improved properties which helps cover the operating costs for Recycling Centers and our county-maintained landfill. The proper and sanitary disposal of garbage helps prevent the spread of diseases and reduces likelihood of environmental damage. The availability fee assures that our citizens will have a place to safely dispose of their waste for years to come.

Government regulations dictate how the landfill and Recycling Centers must be operated and maintained. Operating a solid waste landfill is a labor-intensive undertaking, and it is one that we all take very seriously. Lincoln County’s Solid Waste Program is permitted by the State of North Carolina and must adhere to state and federal rules and regulations. The fees paid by our citizens provide transportation of waste from Recycling Centers to a lined landfill that is regularly monitored and inspected. Private waste haulers also bring waste from homes and local businesses to the landfill and are charged by the ton. This also helps to cover the costs associated with the landfill and Recycling Centers.

The availability fee allows Lincoln County residents to dispose of garbage and other specific types and amounts of waste at county-operated Recycling Centers for no charge. The Solid Waste Department uses an automobile window sticker decal to identify who is eligible to dispose of waste at Recycling Centers. In general, local industries, organizations, businesses, and those disposing of large amounts of construction and demolition debris, must arrange for trash pick-up or haul directly to the landfill to dispose of their waste.

Lincoln County is fortunate to have a landfill site in-county that can accept and properly dispose of the waste we produce every day. This is a convenience we often do not consider along with the costs associated with that convenience. We hope this information is helpful, and we thank all of our citizens for their ongoing support of our Recycling Centers and the landfill.

*Please Note: Only waste generated in Lincoln County can be accepted at the County Landfill per our permit issued by the State of North Carolina (**out-of-county waste is not allowed**)

Questions? Please call 704.732.9030, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.