



**Effective June 2, 2008**

## **Solid Waste Convenience Center (SWCC) Policies and Procedures**

The center operator on duty has the authority and discretion to ensure all users abide with policies, procedures and ordinances related to Solid Waste Convenience Center (SWCC) operations. The center operator shall be the final arbiter of rules and regulations.

Orange County residents only are eligible to use a Solid Waste Convenience Center for waste disposal. No commercial waste accepted. Vehicle registration as proof of residency must be presented when requested by the center operator. If a person is unable to present proof of residency they may be denied access to the SWCC.

Center operators are not required to assist with heavy or bulky materials, though they may choose to do so. Center operators are not to place themselves in risk of injury. Should a resident have heavy or bulky items, the center operator may suggest the resident return to the center with someone else to assist them.

Residents entering the center displaying a handicapped placard will receive assistance from the center operator with the disposal of general waste if the resident requests it.

Orange County is not responsible for accidents that may occur as a result of residents unloading their materials or depositing them at the SWCC.

**No scavenging.** Materials can only be retrieved from the Salvage Shed. Unauthorized removal of material from any container or recycling trailer may result in criminal prosecution, revocation of site privileges or other actions. Climbing on or into containers to retrieve items is strictly prohibited.

No loitering or solicitation is permitted.

Profane or vulgar language by County employees or residents is not acceptable.

No weapons, concealed or otherwise, are permitted within the center.

Pets must remain within the vehicle.

Children must be closely supervised by parent or other adult.

Solid Waste Convenience Center telephone numbers will not be disclosed to the public. Home telephone numbers of Solid Waste Management staff will not be disclosed to the public.

Complaints and comments should be directed to the Orange County Solid Waste Management administrative office, (919) 968-2885 or email [recycling@co.orange.nc.us](mailto:recycling@co.orange.nc.us).

### **Traffic**

County-owned collection vehicles have the right of way when working within the SWCC property. Residents must be alert to county-owned collection vehicles.

Speed limit is 5 miles per hour within the facility. Speeding within the facility may result in the revocation of privileges to use the Centers.

### **Load and Visit Limits**

Limit one pickup truck or 10' trailer load per day (Monday, Tuesday, , Friday and Saturday). Loads in pickup trucks with capacity extenders (side boards) must not exceed the top of the original bed level in order to be accepted at a solid waste convenience center.

Multiple loads must be transported to the Orange County Landfill or brought back on another day. Residents transporting loads to the landfill are responsible for all associated disposal fees. All loads going to the landfill must be covered with a tarp prior to using any public roads.

**Acceptable Vehicles and Trailers**

- Passenger cars and vans
- Pick-up truck rated less than 1 ton
- Trailers, less than 10' in length

**Non-Acceptable Vehicles**

- Dump trucks or pickup trucks with a dump body
- Trucks or vans rated at or over 1 ton, including rentals
- Trailers greater than 10' in length
- Commercial vehicles transporting waste related to their business

**SWCC Hours of Operation**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 – 6	7 – 6	CLOSED	CLOSED	7 – 6	7-5	CLOSED

**Household Waste Containers (green open top dumpsters)**

The following waste materials or recyclables may NOT be placed in household waste containers (dumpsters):

- **Aluminum Cans** – Recycle in appropriate container located at SWCC.
- **Animal parts and carcasses** – call Orange County Landfill, (919) 932-2989 to arrange for disposal.
- **Ashes** – burning garbage is against North Carolina State Law. NO trash or ashes contained in burn barrels are accepted. Wood ashes cannot be brought to the SWCC though they can be spread on soils and used as a soil amendment.
- **Automotive batteries** – Recycle in designated area at SWCC.
- **Corrugated Cardboard** (excluding pizza boxes and wax coated boxes) -- Recycle in appropriate container located at SWCC.
- **Electronics** - Recycle in labeled trailer located at SWCC.
- **Fluorescent lights** -Take to Household Hazardous Waste Collection.
- **Scrap Metal** - Recycle in designated area at SWCC.
- **Large Appliances** (white goods) - Recycle in designated area at SWCC.
- **Motor oil and oil filters**- Recycle in appropriate container located at SWCC.
- **Yard Waste** - Recycle in designated area at SWCC.
- **Clean Wood** (non-painted, non-stained, non-treated wood) - Recycle in designated area at SWCC.
- **Tires**- Recycle in designated area at SWCC. Limit 5 passenger and pickup truck tires per month. A citizen of Orange County may deliver up to five over-sized tires (over 16” in diameter) at the Orange County Landfill per month. Residents with more than 5 tires per month may obtain a hauling permit from the State of North Carolina in order to deliver the tires to the Orange County Landfill. For more information, contact (919) 508-8400.

**Orange County Regulated Recyclables Materials Ordinance**

Orange County requires the recycling of corrugated cardboard, clean wood (wood that has not been painted, stained, or treated) and scrap metal. These materials must be recycled separately in the proper containers at the SWCC’s. The County is subject to significant financial penalties if regulated recyclable materials are placed in the improper container.

**Clean Wood** includes:

- Scrap lumber (2x4 type)
- Mill ends

- Oriented Strand Board (OSB)
- Plywood
- Wood concrete forms with low amounts of plaster or concrete
- Regular construction nails, bolts, screws are okay

Clean Wood does **not** include:

- Crossties
- Landscaping timbers
- Painted or stained wood
- Treated wood
- Telephone poles
- Wood with tar or other roofing materials

The above list is considered construction and demolition waste.

### **State Regulated Materials**

The State of North Carolina bans yard waste, white goods, motor oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, tires and aluminum cans from landfill disposal.

### **Burning**

Burning of garbage is against North Carolina State Law. Burning of materials that contain clean wood, cardboard, or metal is against County regulations.

### **Miscellaneous Bulky Materials**

Materials within this category include carpet and carpet padding, sheetrock, furniture, stained, treated and painted wood, crossties, landscape timbers, large toys, plastic swimming pools, small plastic appliances, plastic fans, mirrors, brooms and quilts/bedspreads. Bed mattresses or box springs are not accepted at Centers. Futon mattresses and sofa couches with mattresses in place are accepted.

### **Shingles**

Limit of one (1) one cubic yard bundle (3' x 3' x 3') per week. This is less than ½ pickup load of a compact truck bed.

### **Barrels**

Metal Barrels to be disposed of must be empty and have both ends removed prior to disposal. No trash or ashes contained in burn barrels will be accepted.

All materials brought into the SWCC contained in barrels must be free of restricted materials (see above list). Recyclable materials in barrels must be sorted into proper recycling containers once at the center.

### **Hazardous Household Waste**

SWCCs accept

- Batteries of all types –Automotive batteries, or wet-cell batteries, should be stacked on pallets located at each center.
- Dry cell batteries of all types such as for flashlights, hearing aids, cameras, rechargeable tools and toys can be placed in red, labeled, igloo shaped containers.
- Motor oil and oil filters.
- Antifreeze.
- Kerosene, diesel fuel, gear oil, and transmission fluid are also accepted in the motor oil-recycling tank in amounts of one gallon or less.

**No electric motor oil, gasoline, solvents, parts cleaner or mixed gas.**

These and all other types of hazardous household waste (HHW) can be brought to the HHW collection facility at the Orange County Landfill on Eubanks Rd.

HHW collection hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am- 6 pm and Saturdays from 7:30 am - noon.

Bring items in their original containers with original labels intact whenever possible.

Do not mix wastes. Do not bring explosives, infectious wastes, or radioactive materials.

Residents bringing HHW while the Landfill is open should be prepared to stop at the scale house first.

Weekdays 4:00-6:00 pm when the Landfill is closed, the gate will be open for residents to go directly to the HHW collection facility only. No other landfill services are available during this time.

The HHW collection is for residents only and for businesses that produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous materials per month. Businesses will be asked to fill out an affidavit to verify they are a conditionally exempt small quantity generator of hazardous waste.

### **Electronics**

Electronic recycling trailers are located at each of the five SWCC's and at the Orange County Landfill. Any data carrying electronics such as computers, computer peripherals, televisions, telephones, CD and DVD players, radio and stereo receivers, fax machines and VCR's are accepted. No scavenging is permitted. Working electronics can be placed in the Salvage Shed for reuse.

### **Appliances**

Large appliances shall be placed in the designated roll-off container or designated area. Freezers and refrigerators must be empty. Limit 2 large appliances per day or weekend period.

Small appliances which are primarily metal should be recycled with scrap metal.

Small appliances, which are primarily plastic, should be disposed of in the regular waste containers.

### **Mattresses**

Mattresses and box springs are not accepted at Centers. Residents may transport such to the Orange County Landfill and pay all associated disposal fees. All loads going to the landfill must be covered with a tarp prior to using any public roads. Town of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough residents should contact their Public Works Department for curbside disposal options. Presently, futon mattresses and sofa couches with mattresses in place are accepted.

### **Metal**

Items made up of 95% metal or more should be placed in the scrap metal container or designated area. Lawn mowers should be placed within the metal container. The battery and any fuel and oil must be removed prior to disposal.

### **Yard Waste**

Yard waste is accepted all solid waste convenience centers. Yard waste must be removed from plastic bags. Only 100% Kraft Paper yard waste bags can be placed in the yard waste container. These bags are available at home improvement stores such as Lowes, Home Depot and Ace Hardware. No paper grocery bags.

### **Salvage Sheds**

Salvage sheds are for Orange County residents only, and to provide them with an opportunity to re-use items in good condition.

Citizens are limited to 15 minutes twice per weekday. One visit prior to 12 noon and one visit after 12 noon. Only one 15 minute visit is permitted on Saturday.

Users must wait for items to be placed into the Salvage Shed and not go to another user's vehicle and attempt to take items prior to placement in the Shed.

Only items in good condition may be placed within the Shed, with the following exceptions:  
No mattresses or sleeper couches with mattress still in place allowed.  
No clothing. Residents are encouraged to take used but usable clothing to local Thrift Shops.  
No broken glass, mirrors, or lumber.  
No hazardous household waste.

Center Operator has the authority to deem what is considered an acceptable item for the Shed.