

## Enforcement and Penalties

### No Mixed Waste Loads

Loads bound for disposal at the landfill that contain regulated materials mixed with other types of waste will be charged **double the tipfee**. Tickets will be compiled and sent out with monthly bills for regular customers or the customer may choose to pay tickets individually.

### No Permit at Building Site

Individuals found to be conducting building activities without the appropriate Recyclable Material Permit may be issued a civil citation.

### Hauling Without a License

Individuals found hauling recyclable materials without the appropriate Recyclable Material Collector's License may be issued a civil citation.

### Jobsite Inspections

Solid Waste Enforcement staff and Inspection Departments' staff regularly visit jobsites. They will inform the Solid Waste Department when solid waste violations are noted.

### Verification Tags

To ensure that loads of regulated materials are reaching certified MRFs, Solid Waste Enforcement staff will place **verification tags** on roll-off containers, dumpsters, and trucks. These tags must be given to the scalehouse operator at the certified facility.

### Illegal Disposal

Regulated Recyclable Materials produced in Orange County must be recycled properly. Proper management includes:

- Separating the materials for recycling at the Eubanks Road Landfill
- Hauling the materials to a County certified materials reclamation facility
- Reuse or Resale



**Land filling, burning, or hauling the materials to a non-certified facility are illegal actions and subject to civil penalties and revocation of permits!**

For more enforcement details, you can read the entire ordinance at:

[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/ordinance.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/ordinance.asp)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why did Orange County pass this ordinance?**

In the late 1990's it was recognized that the Construction & Demolition (C&D) landfill on Eubanks Road was going to be filled sometime in 2003. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners agreed to build a new C&D landfill but only if certain bulky materials (those materials that take up the most room in the landfill) were required to be recycled. As a result, the Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance went into effect on October 1, 2002.

### **My business isn't construction, but I still have wood, metal, and/or cardboard in my waste. Do I still need to recycle?**

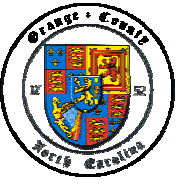
This ordinance is designed to regulate not a particular industry, but **certain materials**. Metal, wood, pallets, and corrugated cardboard from the commercial waste stream are subject to the same recycling requirement as those produced from construction and demolition projects. The Solid Waste Department staff can help you get a recycling program set up.

### **What about demolition waste?**

Demolition waste includes a great deal of wood and metal, both recyclable materials, but separating these materials is often difficult. **Demolition waste must still be recycled if free of contaminants**. Waste is not considered free of contaminants if it is attached to other material in a way that it is not reasonably possible to separate.

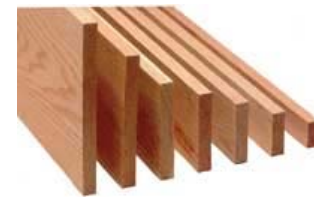


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## *Orange County Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance*

The Orange County Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance (RRMO) requires that specific materials be recycled, that waste haulers be licensed, and that building sites be permitted. The ordinance is enforced through penalties for non-compliance.



## What must be Recycled?

### Clean Wood Waste

#### YES

- Scrap lumber (2x4 type)
- Mill ends
- Oriented Strand Board (OSB)
- Pallets
- Plywood
- Wood concrete forms with low amounts of plaster or concrete
- Regular construction nails, bolts, screws are OK

#### NO

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

### Scrap Metal

Including, but not limited to cast iron tubs, aluminum gutters and siding, bedsprings, metal pipe, steel studs, tin roofing, and other items containing significant amounts of metal.

### Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated Cardboard has three layers; 2 flat on the outside and one wavy layer in the middle. Do not recycle pizza boxes, cardboard with a wax coating, or other contaminated cardboard.

***It is illegal to intentionally contaminate any recyclable material as to make it non-recyclable.***

**BURNING IS NOT RECYCLING!**

It's illegal to burn construction materials!



## What are the options for recycling?

**Jobsite Separation:** Regulated recyclable materials separated at the jobsite and transported to the Orange County Landfill have significantly reduced tipping fees. The **regulated materials have either no tipfee or a reduced rate!** You may either take the materials to the landfill yourself or hire a hauler. For a current list of tip-fees, directions, and landfill hours, call: (919) 932-2989.

**Mixed C&D Materials Reclamation Facilities (MRF):** Builders may choose to use a mixed recycling facility, bypassing jobsite separation, **but only county certified facilities may be used.** For a current list of certified MRFs please call (919) 968-2800 x163 or visit the county website at:

[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp)

**Reuse/Donations:** Regulated recyclable materials, depending on their condition, may also be reused, resold, or donated to a charity. If you have questions about what to do with unused or reusable materials, please call (919) 968-2800 x163 or visit the following website:

[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/a-z-recyclery.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/a-z-recyclery.asp)

**Deconstruction Encouraged:** Large demolition projects may be delayed up to 60 days in order to conduct assessments of the recyclability or reusability of materials in the structure. Most structures have some materials that can be recovered. For assistance with deconstruction possibilities, please call (919) 968-2800 x165.

## How Do I Get a Permit or a License?

### **Recyclable Material (RM) Permit**

The County or town in which you are building issues the RM permits with your building permit (in Chapel Hill this is called the Solid Waste Management Plan). You can apply for it at either the Zoning Compliance or Building Permit stage. The permit requires estimates of the types of waste anticipated and how you intend to manage them. Your application will be processed within 10 days. You will be able to pick up a permit application at Planning or Inspections Departments, but some Municipalities may require you to submit it to the Solid Waste Management Department. You can download applications from the following websites:

[Town of Chapel Hill Solid Waste Management Plan](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp)  
[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp)

[Orange County Recyclable Material Permit](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp)  
[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/candd.asp)

### **Recyclable Materials Hauling License**

Waste haulers who operate in Orange County and use vehicles greater than 9000 lbs GVW to haul recyclable materials must be licensed annually by the Solid Waste Department. Each vehicle used for this purpose must be licensed. Violations incurred in any registered vehicle subject the company's license to suspension or revocation. To get a license, you can call (919) 968-2800 x163, or download an application form at:

[www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/docs/LicenseApplication.doc](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/docs/LicenseApplication.doc)

