



News Release

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Re: New Paint Policy and Landfill Bans

(New Hanover County)— Effective October 1, a new policy will take effect at the New Hanover County landfill, allowing for used paint containers to be disposed of easily. Starting tomorrow, residents who have opened cans of paint, should allow the paint to completely dry out or they should mix sand, kitty litter or other absorbent material with the paint to allow it to solidify. Once the used paint is solid, simply toss the container in with your home trash.

Contractors should follow the same procedure and dispose of containers in their dumpsters. Used paint will no longer be accepted at the county's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, typically held in the fall.

All residents are also reminded of the new landfill bans which take effect October 1. Used oil filters, wooden pallets, and plastic bottles will join the growing list of materials residents should recycle.

Already banned from landfills are:

- Used motor oil
- Scrap tires
- Yard trash
- Anti-freeze
- ABC beverage containers (applies to bars/restaurants)
- Oyster shells
- Lead-acid batteries
- Appliances
- Aluminum cans

New Hanover County residents are strongly encouraged to help the county keep these materials out of the landfill and out of the environment by recycling. For information on

recycling locations, visit the Environmental Management Recycling Division pages at www.nhcgov.com, or call 910-798-4400.

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