



Cleveland County

NORTH CAROLINA

Solid Waste Convenience Site(s) Operational Practices & Utilization Standards Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish operational best management practices and utilization standards, which improve efficiency, safety and access for the duly authorized patrons and County staff at all Convenience Site(s). Further, Cleveland County has a significant governmental interest in providing a fiscally responsible return on investment to the Solid Waste rate payers.

Scope

This policy applies to all duly authorized patrons accessing the Cleveland County Convenience Site(s) and commercial drivers/owners accessing the Cleveland County Landfill Site(s). Cleveland County Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer(s) and Convenience Site Attendant(s) are charged with applying the standards and requirements detailed in this policy.

Vehicle Standards and Prohibited Waste

- Commercial, industrial and institutional solid waste may not be deposited in any Cleveland County Convenience Site [Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance Section 11-40(d)].
 - No commercial vehicles are allowed to access any Cleveland County Convenience Site. All lettered vehicles are considered commercial vehicles.
 - All commercial vehicles are required to access solid waste services through and at the Cleveland County Landfill Site(s).
 - Self-McNeilly Landfill for Municipal Solid Waste
 - Airport Road Landfill for Construction and Demolition Debris/Waste
- Construction and demolition (C&D) debris/waste is prohibited at all Cleveland County Convenience Site(s) without exception, unless it meets the following criteria:
 - The C&D material must be generated from an individual's primary residence and not related to commercial activities.
 - A maximum of one (1) cubic yard of C&D material may be deposited daily, with material measured using a container provided at the site.
 - Materials must be cut to no larger than three feet in any dimension.
 - Any C&D material exceeding one (1) cubic yard must be taken to the Airport Road Landfill.
- Other waste not to be deposited at any Cleveland County Convenience Site (Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance Section 11-40(e)(1-5/7-9)) (include):
 - Hazardous waste
 - Liquid waste
 - Infectious waste
 - Radioactive waste
 - Dead animals
 - Burning, smoldering material or other materials that would create a fire hazard
 - Sludge
 - Cable, wiring, spring steel and similar materials in large quantities or in lengths exceeding three (3) feet.

- Only personal passenger vehicles, sport utility vehicles, pick-up trucks and flatbed trucks (with a properly displayed exempt farm use license plate) are permitted to access the Cleveland County Convenience Site(s) with the following excluded:
 - Personal and/or rental dump trucks, flatbed trucks and box trucks are prohibited from accessing the Cleveland County Convenience Site(s).
- Personal utility trailers with a single axle measuring twelve (12') feet or less are permitted to access the Cleveland County Convenience Site(s) with the following exclusions:
 - Personal and/or rental dump trailers, enclosed trailers, car trailers, gooseneck trailers.
- Fine for violation. Any person violating the terms of this section shall pay a fine in the amount of one hundred (\$100) dollars. A violation of this section shall also be punishable as a misdemeanor. (Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance Section 11-40(f)].

Waste Transport Standards

- Municipal Solid Waste/Household Waste shall be in trash cans with secured lids and/or securely bagged to prevent any loss of debris/waste in transit.
- Municipal Solid Waste/Household Waste in bags and hauled by trailer shall be secured with a tarp, which completely covers the load of waste. Any patron hauling Municipal Solid Waste/Household Waste in bags and by trailer without a tarp shall receive a warning for the first offense; citation without a fine for the second offense; citation with a monetary fine in accordance with Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance Section 11-40(f) for the third offense; citation with a monetary fine in accordance with Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance Section 11-40(f) and be denied access to the Cleveland County Convenience Site and/or Cleveland County Landfill without exception for any additional offenses.

Exemptions

- **Section 1. Exemptions.**
 - The Solid Waste Director may grant exemptions to the vehicle restrictions in Section 11-40(d) of the Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance for lettered vehicles and flatbed trucks that meet the following criteria:
 - The vehicle is not used for commercial, industrial, or institutional solid waste disposal.
 - The vehicle is not used in the construction industry.
 - The vehicle owner has submitted a completed Convenience Site Exemption Application and has been granted exemption by the Solid Waste Director.
- **Section 2. Exemption Application Process.**
 - To obtain an exemption, vehicle owners must submit a completed Convenience Site Exemption Application to the Cleveland County Solid Waste Department. The application must include the following information:
 - Owner's name, address, phone number, and email address
 - Vehicle description, including make, model, year, and color
 - Vehicle license plate number
 - Driver's license number
 - Reason for exemption
 - Agreement that the vehicle will not be used for commercial, industrial, or institutional solid waste disposal, and that all loads will be secured to prevent spillage.
- **Section 3. Verification Process.**
 - The Solid Waste Director or designee will review the Exemption Application and may conduct additional verification, including but not limited to:
 - Inspecting the vehicle to confirm its use and condition.
 - Verifying that the vehicle owner has a dumpster or other approved method for disposing of commercial waste.

- Conducting a site visit to the owner's business or residence to confirm the nature of their operations.
- **Section 4. Granting of Exemptions.**
 - The Solid Waste Director will grant exemptions to qualified applicants in writing. Exemptions may be granted for a specific period of time or may be revoked at any time for cause.
- **Section 5. Enforcement.**
 - Violation of the terms of an exemption may result in the revocation of the exemption and the imposition of fines as outlined in Section 11-40(f) of the Cleveland County (Solid) Waste Management Ordinance.

Authority

- The Cleveland County Manager and Solid Waste Director are responsible for the implementation and oversight of the policy.

Enforcement

The Solid Waste Director through the Code Enforcement Officer(s) and Convenience Site Attendant(s) is responsible for the enforcement of the standards and requirements identified in this policy. The Cleveland County Staff Attorney will assist the Solid Waste Director with policy violations involving greater scrutiny/complexity and/or the North Carolina Judiciary.

Definitions

- Duly Authorized Patron – Cleveland County resident assessed the annual Solid Waste Fee.
- Cleveland County Convenience Site(s) – Boiling Springs (2944 Old Cliffside Road, Mooresboro); Earl/198 (2522 Blacksburg Road, Grover); Landfill (1609 Airport Road, Shelby); Lawndale (300 Casar-Lawndale Road, Lawndale); Lutz (230 Vic Randall Road, Lawndale); Midpines (615 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain); Oak Grove (1127 Oak Groce Road, Kings Mountain); Polkville (4732 Peyton Place Road, Polkville)
- Cleveland County Landfill Site(s) – Airport Road Landfill (1607 Airport Road, Shelby) Construction and Demolition Debris/Waste; Self-McNeilly Landfill (250 Fielding Road, Cherryville) Municipal Solid Waste

Effective Date

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