NASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FEE CHANGES - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Nash County solid waste fees will be changing on tax bills issued beginning on July 1, 2014.

Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about these fee changes to help citizens understand how they will be impacted.

1) What changes will be made to the current solid waste fees?

Current solid waste fees for homeowners in rural, unincorporated areas of Nash County or homeowners in municipalities that do not provide door-to-door solid waste collection services (Dortches, Momeyer, and Red Oak) <u>will be increased by \$4.00 from \$96.00 per year to \$100.00 per year per dwelling unit (\$8.33 per month).</u>

Homeowners in municipalities that do provide door-to-door solid waste collection services (Bailey, Castalia, Middlesex, Nashville, Rocky Mount, Sharpsburg, Spring Hope, and Whitakers) <u>will be charged a new solid waste service availability fee of \$25.00 per year per dwelling unit (\$2.08 per month).</u>

Solid waste fees, like property taxes, are charged yearly on the property owner's tax bill which is mailed in July and due by the end of the calendar year.

2) Why are the solid waste fees changing?

Nash County operates nine solid waste collection Convenience Centers located throughout the county that accept residential household waste. This service currently provides a safe and easy way for citizens who do not live in an area that provides door-to-door trash collection to legally dispose of solid waste. This is a vitally important service that protects the health of our community and the quality of our water supply by preventing the illegal dumping of potentially hazardous materials. The solid waste fees collected by Nash County fund the operation of these Convenience Centers.

In the past, these Convenience Centers have only been open to rural residents who do not have access to municipal trash collection services; however, beginning on July 1, 2014, municipal residents needing to utilize the Convenience Centers may do so. This service will be useful when residents are spring cleaning or if they forget to place their trash by the curb on collection day or if the need arises to dispose of an item that isn't accepted by their regular trash collector.

<u>ALL</u> Nash County residents will now have access to the solid waste collection Convenience Centers. The solid waste fee changes are necessary to fund this expanded availability and the continuing operating costs related to this service.

3) Who is exempt from paying solid waste fees?

Any existing dwelling without an electrical service meter base and all commercial properties (including multi-family apartments) are exempt from solid waste fees. Any property owner eligible for the Elderly or Disabled Property Tax Homestead Exclusion provided by N.C.G.S. 105-277.1 is exempt from solid waste fees related to their principal residence.

4) What about homeowners who pay for private door-to-door solid waste collection services?

Homeowners who pay for private waste collection service are still required to pay the solid waste fees because this service is a convenience that is the personal choice of the taxpayer. If they choose to discontinue the private waste collection service in the future, the Nash County Convenience Centers are always available to them. In addition, homeowners who pay for private waste collection service may still need to use the Convenience Centers from time to time because private haulers may not accept many items that must be recycled such as plastic containers, car batteries, furniture, household appliances or other white goods, and yard waste.

5) Who should I contact with questions about solid waste fees?

For more information on solid waste fees, please call Nash County Solid Waste at (252) 459-9899.

6) Where are the Nash County Solid Waste Convenience Centers located?

- 1. Nash County Landfill Site @ 3057 Duke Rd, Nashville, NC 27856
- 2. Aventon Site @ 10801 Cooper Rd, Nashville, NC 27856
- 3. Drake Site @ 4782 Drake Rd, Battleboro, NC 27809
- 4. Old Nash Tech Site @ 2018 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount, NC 27804
- 5. Salem Site @ 6271 Swift Creek School Rd, Nashville, NC 27856
- 6. Spring Hope Site @ 7008 US Highway 64A, Spring Hope, NC 27882
- 7. Stoney Hill Site @ 9842 Stoney Hill Church Rd, Middlesex, NC 27557
- 8. Stricklands Crossroad Site @ 9881 Old Bailey Hwy, Wilson, NC 27896
- 9. Vicks Site @ 3081 S NC Highway 58, Nashville, NC 27856

7) When are the Nash County Solid Waste Convenience Centers open?

<u>Spring - Summer Hours</u>		<u> Fall - Winter Hours</u>	
Monday	7:30 a.m 7:30 p.m.	Monday	7:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	CLOSED	Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday - Saturday	7:30 a.m 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday - Saturday	7:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	1:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Sunday	1:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.

8) What waste materials are accepted at the Nash County Solid Waste Convenience Centers?

- Bagged Household Waste
- Bulky Items: Sofas, Bed Mattresses, Tables, Chairs, Furniture
- Yard Waste: Small Limbs, Clippings (No Mixed in Debris Such as Rocks, Wood, Wire, etc.)
- White Goods: All Appliances and Air Conditioners
- Newspapers, Corrugated Cardboard, and Glass: (1) Clear, (2) Green, (3) Brown
- Steel and Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Milk Jugs and Drink Bottles
- Used Batteries, Motor Oil and Cooking Oil
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Electronics to be Recycled Including Vacuum Cleaners, Computers, Printers, Televisions, etc.
- Residential Construction and Demolition Waste (Limited to 200 Pounds)
- Clothes, Shoes and Readable Books for Charitable Donation
- Tires (Accepted at the Nash County Landfill Site and the Stoney Hill Site ONLY)
- Antifreeze (Accepted at the Nash County Landfill Site ONLY)