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## North Carolina Makes Plastic Bottle Recycling a Priority

Legislators in Raleigh made plastic bottle **recovery** and **recycling** a priority in North Carolina. **Beginning October 1, 2009, plastic bottles are banned from disposal in landfills.** The focus is on two types of plastic bottles:  - PETE such as soda and water bottles,  - HDPE, including milk jugs and detergent and shampoo bottles. These account for the largest portion of the plastic bottles found in consumer products. Some of the biggest and most successful plastics recycling processors and end users combine to produce a demand for more than **1.439 billion lbs.** of PETE plastic annually in the southeastern United States alone. While we generate about **288 million lbs.** of plastic bottle waste per year, North Carolinians currently recycle only about **16%** of that total, or approximately **44.6 million lbs.**

### What Can You Do?

Everyone in Guilford County has access to a **recycling** program. All single-family and many 2- or multi-family residences have access to **curbside recycling** collection. Greensboro (click here to view map) and High Point (call 883-3111 for information) also offer **drop-off recycling** sites. So **recycling** is easier than ever! Take advantage of these **recycling opportunities** at home, and watch for opportunities to **recycle** away from home.

In North Carolina, restaurants and establishments that sell alcoholic beverages are required to **recycle** all beverage containers (plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans). Other restaurants **recycle** on a voluntary basis. Choose to patronize businesses that **recycle** and use their **recycling** program when you visit.