

Business / Commercial Recycling

Businesses in Mecklenburg County are committed to reducing, reusing & recycling

Business Recycling & Source Separation Ordinance

Since 2002, any business that contracts for 16 cubic yards per week or greater must recycle their office paper and cardboard. (A typical commercial garbage bin or “dumpster” has a capacity of eight cubic yards, so the ordinance would most likely affect a business if it has a standard dumpster that’s emptied twice a week.)

If an eligible business doesn’t participate as required, it will receive a notice of violation. The notice will be accompanied by an offer of technical assistance. A civil penalty will be assessed if a business fails to comply with the Ordinance within 30 days of receiving a third notice of violation.

Commercial Recycling Program

Mecklenburg County offers a paid program whereby local businesses may pay for an 8 yd recycling container for their business to recycle all items that are available to residential recycling. Please contact SolidWaste@MeckCo.gov for more information.



ABC Recycling (Alcoholic Beverage Containers)

The State of North Carolina requires holders of on-premises malt beverage permits, on-premises unfortified wine permits, on-premises fortified wine permits, and mixed beverages permits to separate, store, and provide for the collection for recycling of all recyclable beverage containers sold at retail on the premises. Violation of this statute could result in fines or possible suspension of a business’s ABC Permit.

For more information on compliance and educational assistance, please email SolidWaste@MeckCo.gov

