

# **Wilkes County Solid Waste Management Division Landfill Rules**

## **“Safety Is Not an option”**

Wilkes County is not responsible for damage to customer’s vehicle and/or equipment due to customer’s negligence, failure to follow site rules, or from the hazards associated with debris or road hazards. The County reserves the right to deny access to anyone who violates site rules or otherwise creates a safety concern.

**Landfills are active construction zones.**

**Entry to the facility and disposal of garbage is at the customer’s own risk.  
If you have or observe an emergency, call 9-1-1 and notify landfill employees  
Immediately.**

The Landfill facility consists of the scale house, the citizen’s drop-off area, the landfill, and a special processing area including: white goods (appliances) recycling, waste tire collection, yard waste, used oil collection center, and construction and demolition debris. If you are unsure of where to dump your garbage, ask a landfill employee for assistance.

**Wilkes County assumes no liability for bodily injury, personal injury, or  
property damage.**

### GENERAL

- **Safety first!**
- **Anyone behaving in an unsafe manner will be asked to stop or leave the facility**
- **Unauthorized access is not permitted, all customers must stop at the scale house to weigh-in and receive instructions**
- **All loads are subject to inspection**
- **Scavenging is prohibited**

### DRIVING

- **Obey all posted traffic signs and speed limits**
- **All vehicles must wait at the stop sign until the scale is clear before proceeding to the scale house**
- **All vehicles must yield to operating machinery and pedestrians**
- **Landfill equipment operators have the right of way at the facility**

- All vehicle closing, latching, cleaning out, covering and/or uncovering loads must occur in designated areas
- Customer vehicles must keep a 15-foot minimum distance from heavy equipment
- County employees are prohibited from assisting with repairing inoperable vehicles

#### WASTE

- Customers may only dump in designated areas or as directed by County employees
- Certain waste may only be dumped in specific areas- follow the signs or ask
- Ask or see our website for information about specific waste protocols
- All solid waste shall be transported in appropriate vehicles that are able to secure their contents to prevent waste from falling, leaking, and spilling
- No tying-off yard waste or other debris and driving off to unload
- Restricted materials shall not be disposed of in any portion of the landfill
- Wilkes County Solid Waste reserves the right to reject any load

#### PEOPLE

- All persons and vehicles entering the facility do so at their own risk
- Stay Alert + Avoid Distraction + Use Caution = Stay Safe
- The use of cell phones is prohibited at the facility beyond the scale house, except in emergency
- No smoking outside of vehicle anywhere at the facility
- All people not involved in unloading of garbage must remain inside the vehicle at all times. All pets must remain inside the vehicle
- Customers must stay within five feet of their vehicle/ trailer while on site is forbidden
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted
- Customers intoxicated or under the influence of drugs are not permitted onsite
- Brandishing or discharging weapons of any type is not permitted except as authorized by law
- Reflective clothing, hard hat, safety boots, and other personal protective equipment are recommended

#### COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS (in addition to the rules listed above)

- Only the driver may be outside of the vehicle while on the active disposal area of the landfill, helpers must remain in the vehicle
- All commercial vehicles must have operational backup alarm
- Commercial customers shall wear-visibility vest and/or clothing while outside of their vehicle and use appropriate personal protective equipment

For addition information and services, visit our website:

<https://wilkescounty.net/384/Landfill-Soild-Waste>

