

Article II of the Wilkes County Solid Waste Ordinance, “Storage and disposal of Solid Waste,” Section 1, “Storage and disposal,” Subsection I., is amended to read as follows:

I. All Persons engaged in solid waste shall comply with the following provisions.

(1) Transport of solid waste, whether residential, commercial, or industrial, **must be completely secured so as to prevent the unintended release of solid waste from the transport vehicle** and littering public right-of-way, public property, and private property. If a release of solid waste from the transport vehicle occurs for any reason, the operator of the vehicle shall be responsible for immediately recovering the same and thoroughly cleaning the affected area.



Litter harms the environment. It endangers wildlife and animal habitats. It hurts economic development and creates a public safety hazard.

Unsecured Load NC Facts:

- The NC State Highway Patrol reports that two out of three tickets they issue for unsecured loads are issued with motorists’ safety in mind.
- Nationwide, about 25,000 accidents can be attributed to roadway debris annually.
- G.S. 14-399
When litter is blown, scattered, spilled, thrown or placed from a vehicle or watercraft, the operator thereof shall be presumed to have committed the offense.

**Secure your loads
for safer roads!**



Unsecured Load

Unsecured loads will be charged a \$10.00 fee.



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North Carolina**



Secured Load

WHAT IS AN UNSECURED LOAD?

An unsecured load has not been fastened in or attached to the vehicle with tarps, rope, straps, netting, or chains, so as to prevent any part of the load or the covering from becoming loose, detached, or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving.

WHY SHOULD YOU SECURE YOUR LOAD?

1. It prevents injuries and saves lives
2. It prevents litter
3. It will cost you time or money if you don't

TO SECURE YOUR LOAD:

Cover your load with a tarp. Covering your load with a tarp and then securely fastening the tarp to the vehicle is good way to ensure that your load is secure.

Tie down using rope, netting, straps, or chains. Tie large items directly to your vehicle. Make sure that any covering is securely tied down.

Put lighter items lower and place heavier items on top to help keep them in place and secure the heavy items to your vehicle.

Don't overload your vehicle.

Double-check that your load is secure.



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WHAT IS A SECURED LOAD?

A load is secure when nothing can slide, shift, fall, or sift onto the roadway, or become airborne while the vehicle is driven or moving on any public road.



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