

Watauga County Recycling Coordinator Discusses New Plastic Bottle Recycling Law

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As we previously reported, North Carolina residents must now recycle plastic bottles according to a new state law that went into affect at the beginning of the month.

Watauga County Recycling Coordinator, Lisa Doty, said that just because plastic has the recycling symbol printed on it, doesn't mean it is recyclable in Watauga County.

Doty said in order for plastic to be recycled in Watauga County, the containers must have the recycling symbol and a #1 or #2 printed on them.

Doty explained that a good rule of thumb is to remember that items like yogurt containers and butter tubs are not recyclable, while most other plastic bottles and containers are.

She also said that recycled plastic bottles are often turned into items like plastic pipes, nursery containers, hangers, polyester yarn for clothing, and new bottles here in North Carolina.

Doty said the new plastic bottle recycling laws would be enforced at transfer stations and landfills, but site attendants will not be going through residents' trash bags at the Convenience Centers.