



Let's Stop Litter

Keeping Catawba County Beautiful one person at a time.

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Upcoming Events

- March 1—May 31, Great American Clean Up. Make a difference in your community!
- April 17, Earth Day Celebration, 10-2, SALT Block, Hickory.
- April 18– May 2, NC Litter Sweep. Get a group together and pick up litter in your neighborhood.
- May 2, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Newton

For more information about these events, see our website.

Tip of the Month

Carry a reusable shopping bag with you when you go shopping. Most people think of them for grocery shopping only, but you can use them at other stores too.

Working to stop litter in Catawba County

Welcome to the first Keep Catawba County Beautiful newsletter! Keep Catawba County Beautiful is a partnership organization in Catawba County made up of Government representatives, Business leaders, and private citizens. We were formed a number of years ago in response to the increasing amount of litter that was accumulating on our roadsides. We proudly became an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful in 2006.

Our mission is to educate all of the citizens in the county with the message of not littering. You'll find us at many community

events spreading our message.

This year we are directing our educational message at littering of plastic bags.

As you drive around our beautiful

county, you'll no doubt see plastic bags on the roadsides or

stuck in trees. We can prevent this from happening very easily with the following 3 suggestions:

First, choose a reusable bag when you shop. Many stores have sturdy reusable shopping bags that you can purchase. You

might even have a bag or two at home that would make a nice shopping bag. Use your reusable bag when grocery shopping and also when you shop at

the pharmacy or the mall!

Second, if you do bring home plastic bags, reuse them for things around your home.

Third, recycle them after you are finished. Many stores offer plastic bag recycling.

Please use plastic bags responsibly and keep them from becoming unsightly litter!



Green Star Spotlight



We recognize GDS for all their public service efforts through Catawba County. In addition to their waste removal and collection of recyclables, GDS serves in the community with various litter prevention and education programs. Each year GDS works with Catawba

County and the local schools to host a poster contest for local students on the importance of recycling. GDS also participates in community events to help spread the message of recycling. KCCB would like to recognize GDS specifically for allowing the Board of Directors to hold the monthly meetings in the con-

ference room at their recycling facility. This location serves very well as it is centrally located in the county allowing the members of the Board a reasonable drive to the meetings. Thank you GDS and Republic Services for your contributions to the community and to Keep Catawba County Beautiful.