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New site will house vegetative waste after state closed town dump

By Jill Ingram

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WAYNESVILLE -- A town landfill the state shut down June 1 will not reopen, town personnel said. The town will treat the contaminated site and open a new landfill for yard waste at another, nearby site.

Ron Collier, Waynesville's utilities superintendent, said he was surprised the state had taken the action.

"We've never had the state close us down before," said Collier, a town employee for 12 years. Inspections in the past have gone smoothly, he said.

The solid waste section of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources closed the site after discovering unauthorized materials there. Plastic bags, railroad ties, landscaping timbers, plastic piping, metals, paint cans, furniture, tires and carpet had been dumped there, according to Deborah Aja, an environmental technician in the state's solid waste section who inspected the site.

The site, on part of about 30 acres the town owns off Russ Avenue, is unlined and was permitted for naturally occurring, vegetative material. This includes materials such as stumps, trees, limbs, brush, leaves and grass. Inert materials such as unpainted brick, concrete block, soil and rock may also be dumped under such a permit.

"The material that I saw was not allowed," Aja said.

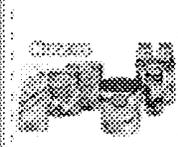
The size of the landfill also exceeded the permitted amount, Aja said. State regulations limit such a landfill to two acres or less. Waynesville's landfill was at least four acres, Aja said.

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The town's household and other nonvegetative or naturally occurring trash goes to a county landfill, which charges \$30 a ton for dumping.

While town personnel have worked to clean up the vegetative landfill site, materials that normally would have gone there have instead gone to the county's landfill. Collier estimated the town has spent between \$600 and \$700 on tipping fees.

The state informed the town late last week that the former site would not reopen. The plan is to cover it with dirt and then sow it with a cover crop such as rye, Collier said. Another parcel on the same property will reopen soon for the same purpose.

Both Collier and Town Manager Lee Galloway said part of the problem with the site was unauthorized dumping by residents.

"The public will go in there and leave stuff," Galloway said.

He said the unauthorized material that caused the site to be shut down was probably from a combination of employee error and unauthorized dumping by the public.

The new site will have tighter security, including a fence and electronic gate, Collier said.

"We're at the point now where we're going to have to get real firm about that," Galloway said.

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What can go

The town landfill is for naturally occurring, vegetative material only, including leaves, grass clippings, stumps, branches and other yard waste. Households can expect the town to pick up yard waste about every two weeks.

A good rule of thumb is to bag anything - such as leaves or grass clippings - that can't be picked up with a pitchfork. Branches should be no thicker than about 4 inches and no longer than 6 feet.

Pickup is curbside only. Residents are not allowed to dump at the town's landfill.

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