

SEPTEMBER 16TH-30TH

LITTER SWEEP DAYS



Participate in Litter Sweep and have the chance to be recognized at a future City Council or County Commissioners meeting.

Follow along on social media during Litter Sweep for tips and tricks to help reduce your waste at home!



Be a Litter Sweep Warrior! Join the City of Hendersonville & Henderson County for this Fall's Litter Sweep initiative. Participants can volunteer to pick up trash during NCDOT's Fall Litter Sweep. Participants should coordinate with NCDOT for litter pick up supplies, location, and trash pick up. Visit [ncdot.gov/littersweep](https://www.ncdot.gov/littersweep) for more information.

After participating in the litter sweep, fill out this participation survey to report yourself or group: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QLKJQMS> The individual or group that picks up the most bags of trash will be recognized at a future City Council or Board of Commissioners meeting, depending on the location of the pick up.

Throughout the two weeks, we will also be posting tips to reduce your own waste throughout your home. Interested in getting involved? City residents, please reach out to Sustainability Manager, Caitlyn Gendusa at cgendusa@hvlnc.gov; County residents please reach out to Environmental Programs Coordinator, Amy Schmitte at aschmitte@hendersoncountync.gov

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LITTER CLEAN UP EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
2-4PM



Location:

Berkley Road (Register for parking location)

Help us beautify our community by cleaning up litter from our roadways!

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Interested in attending?
Contact 828-694-6524 or
aschmitte@hendersoncountync.gov
for more information.

Henderson County and the City of Hendersonville are teaming up for a clean up event on Sunday, September 24th from 2-4pm along Berkley Road (location provided upon registration). Registration is required to attend the event. Contact Environmental Programs Coordinator, Amy Schmitte at 828-694-6524 or aschmitte@hendersoncountync.gov to sign up for the clean up event. Details will be provided upon registration. All clean up supplies and safety gear will be provided for volunteers.

Can't join our event but still interested in participating in Litter Sweep? You can organize your own litter clean up event with friends, family, or local community organization. Participants can volunteer to pick up trash during NCDOT's Fall Litter Sweep. Participants should coordinate with NCDOT for litter pick up supplies, location, and trash pick up. Visit ncdot.gov/littersweep for more information.

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WASTE REDUCTION TIP 1:

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Know your resources! Refresh your memory by reading the County and City recycling brochures for what is and isn't acceptable.

Additional waste reduction programs and information can be found by visiting:
hendersonvillenc.gov/sustainability and
hcrecycles.org



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Henderson County and the City of Hendersonville offer a wealth of information on waste reduction and recycling. You can find out more information by checking out resources provided by the City and County at hendersonvillenc.gov/sustainability/waste-management and hendersoncountync.gov/environmental-programs. Print copies can be mailed upon request.

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Reducing your waste in the laundry room can be done by making some simple changes. Swap out your single use dryer sheets for reusable wool dryer balls!



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Our laundry rooms are a great place to start when looking at ways to reduce waste. Natural fiber, wool dryer balls can easily replace your single use dryer sheets. Not only are they easy to use, they also last for years and can be used over and over again. Worried about not having that fresh laundry scent? Add some essential oils to the dryer balls before drying your laundry.

Liquid laundry detergents typically come in large plastic jugs that not only are bulky but take up a lot of space too. Swap out your liquid laundry detergent for bulk laundry powder or opt for a concentrate laundry detergent. For concentrates, search for brands with sustainable packaging options that allow you to send back or refill the container to reduce single use packaging.

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One of the biggest ways to reduce your waste is to compost. Multiple systems are available to meet your needs and Henderson County also offers discounted compost bins certain times of the year.



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Reducing your food waste can come in many forms. Start by reducing how much food waste you have by creating shopping lists, meal prepping, using the first in first out system in your refrigerator or pantry, or reorganizing produce to keep it fresh longer. You'll likely still have some food waste left over from preparation and you can compost these remaining food scraps. Backyard composting is a great option for fruit and vegetable scraps. Don't have the space to backyard compost? Henderson County has a food waste drop off at the Convenience Center for all residents.

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WASTE REDUCTION TIP 4:

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Shopping in bulk is a great way to reduce food packaging and is oftentimes less expensive. Simply bring your own reusable cloth bags or jars, have the cashier take the weight and refill. At check-out, the cashier will deduct the initial container weight from your total cost. Easy!



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Shopping in bulk, especially with your own reusable containers, is a great way to reduce waste. Most grocery stores offer bulk sections which allow you to purchase only the amount that you need and reduce packaging waste. Check with the store beforehand to make sure they allow outside containers in the bulk section.

The best reusable container is the one you already have! Glass jars from sauces, soups, oils, pickles, etc. make great reusable containers once they're cleaned out. Simply bring your container and ask a cashier to take the weight for you. Refill your container and check out. It is that easy!

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WASTE REDUCTION TIP 5:

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Dining on the go can often go hand in hand with a lot of unnecessary waste. Limit your waste when dining out by refusing plastic utensils, straws, napkins, and bags. Eating out at your favorite restaurant and know you'll have leftovers? Plan ahead and bring your own container for leftovers.



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When dining on the go, you can help reduce your waste by refusing unneeded items like plastic utensils, straws, napkins, bags, and more. Instead opt for packing your own reusable items like cloth napkins, metal straws, metal or bamboo utensils, reusable water bottles, reusable coffee mugs, and canvas tote bags. Take an extra step when dining out and bring your own container for leftovers. Not only will this save some waste from the landfill but it will make heating up leftovers easier!

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Keeping up with changing fashion trends can often lead to wasted clothing that you cycle through quickly. Instead of ordering new clothing, try your luck at one of our many thrift stores. Do you have clothes that you have outgrown? Instead of tossing them, donate them.



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Henderson County is home to many great thrift stores. These can be great options for revamping your wardrobe or donating clothing you have outgrown or no longer wear. A plethora of online second hand stores are also available. Not only does this help to decrease the amount of wasted clothes that end up in our landfills but it may also save you some money!

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Bathrooms are notorious for single use plastics! Make some simple swaps to lessen your plastic foot print like switching out your liquid shampoo and conditioner for solid shampoo and conditioner bars. Not only are they great products with no plastic, they also are great for travelling. No spills!



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Looking to reduce waste in your bathroom? Single use plastics in your bathrooms may be taking over but there are some simple swaps you can make to reduce your waste. Swap plastic toothbrushes for bamboo toothbrushes, body wash for bar soap, bottled hair products for a shampoo or conditioner bar, toothpaste for toothpaste tablets, shaving cream for shave bars, plastic razors for metal razors, deodorant in plastic for deodorant in cardboard. The list goes on and on! Not ready to switch to shampoo and conditioner bars? Try out concentrates instead! Find a container to use (preferably repurposing one you already have), add the concentrate, add water, mix, and voila! Liquid shampoo and conditioner without the plastic packaging.

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