

Recycling Requirements FAQs

Q: Why do I have to recycle?

North Carolina General Statute 18B-1006.1 was passed by the General Assembly in 2005 and requires all businesses that hold on premises malt beverage permits, on premises unfortified wine permits, on premise fortified wine permits or mixed beverage permits to separate, store and provide for the collection of all recyclable beverage containers for all beverages sold for consumption on the premises. If customer is consuming a beverage in a recyclable container on the property of the business, that container must be collected and recycled.

Q: What has to be recycled?

All beverage containers made out of material that can be recycled, such as glass bottles and containers, plastic bottles and containers and aluminum cans. This includes all containers, even if the container did not originally hold an alcoholic beverage (plastic water bottles and soda cans). Containers sold for individual consumption (beer bottles) and larger containers that individual drinks are poured from (wine bottles and spirituous liquor bottles) must be collected and recycled.

Q: What should I do at my business because of this law?

You should find a recycling service that will pick up and take the required materials to be recycled. Then you should make arrangements for handling the recyclable materials at your business. Indoor and outdoor containers (bins, carts, cans and dumpsters) will be necessary so that materials can be separated and picked up by your recycling service.

Q: How do I find out about recycling services?

Contact your current trash pickup/service provider to see if recycling services are available through it or you can contact a private company and arrange for pickup.

Q: The recycling services in my area are limited or not available, what do I do?

A one year exemption can be granted by the ABC Commission, if recycling services are not available in your area. An 'Exemption Request Form' can be obtained from the Commission by calling (919) 779-0700.

Q: Can I haul my own recyclables?

Yes. You must specify how your business will recycle when you complete the Recycling Compliance Form. All recycling forms are available online at <http://abc.nc.gov> under the Permitting Division.

