



# News Release

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## **Wilkes Road Landfill Closed Following Fire, Possible Reopen Friday**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Cumberland County Solid Waste Management has closed the Wilkes Road Treatment and Processing Facility at 771 Wilkes Road following a mulch fire late last night. The facility will possibly reopen Friday, April 21.

Solid Waste Management personnel have been onsite since 11:30 p.m. Tuesday managing the debris fire. An increased amount of yard waste and mulch from residents conducting spring cleaning, combined with high temperatures over the past week contributed to the combustion fire. Solid Waste Management personnel are focused today on managing the smoldering mulch in preparation for a possible reopening Friday. Mulch fires require special treatment; water must be strategically applied along with opening the mulch piles. No landfill equipment was damaged by the fire.

Updated information on the landfill's opening date and time will be released as it becomes available.

The Wilkes Road Treatment and Processing Facility accepts residential yard waste and commercial land-clearing debris. Vegetative debris is treated and sold for boiler fuel and used to create screened compost and mulch.

Normal operating hours for the Wilkes Road facility are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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