



DIVISION 3 Roadside Litter Facts

March 2024

Brunswick, Duplin, Onslow,
Pender, Sampson, New Hanover

2023 Calendar Year Litter Collection Overview

- **Adopt A Highway (393 AAH Partners):** 45,450 lbs.
- **Contract Litter:** 459,510 lbs.
- **NCDOT Forces:** 143,130 lbs.
- **Other Volunteers:** 4,995 lbs.
- **Sponsor A. Highway:** 104,160 lbs.
- **Division Total:** 797,800 lbs.
- **Statewide Total:** 11,639,910 lbs.

Division 3 Litter Management Cost by Fiscal Year

(Statewide)

- **FY 2020:** \$534,743,46
- **FY 2021:** \$1,069,502.26
- **FY 2022:** \$1,003,221.02
- **FY 2023:** \$1,155,641.44 (\$16,000,000)
- **FY 2024 Projected:** \$1.2 Million

Get Involved

- Be aware of trash you see around you.
- NC is growing rapidly; it's important to keep our state clean so it can continue to be an attractive place to live.
- Find programs locally and on the state level where you can volunteer.

NCDOT Litter Programs

- [Adopt-A-Highway](#)
- [Litter Sweep](#)
- [Sponsor-A-Highway](#)
- [Swat-A-Litterbug](#)
- [Do Not Litter](#) specialty license plate.

Planning For the Future

- Education and enforcement of litter laws already in place is the answer to our litter problem.
- Every year, Roadside Environment Units across the state go into schools to promote anti-littering campaigns and remind students that littering is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$250 up to \$1,000 and up to 24 hours of community service.
- NCDOT Roadside Environmental Units sponsor 2 litter sweeps every year. Fall and Spring asking volunteers to join NCDOT staff to commit to picking up litter during those 4 weeks each year. Local Law Enforcement agencies are being asked to enforce litter laws. We can't do it without their help!