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### **NC LAW TO BAN PLASTIC BOTTLES**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – September 24, 2009** – The Town of Wake Forest is reminding residents that beginning Oct. 1, all plastic bottles with a neck smaller than the container itself will be prohibited from entering North Carolina landfills.

In 2005 the N.C. General Assembly passed House Bill 1465, banning plastic bottles from disposal in landfills. The legislation focuses largely on the recovery of Polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Commonly identified by the number “1” inside a recycling symbol (three chasing arrows) on the bottle, the plastic is most often used in soda and water bottles.

Another common recyclable plastic is #2 or HDPE, which is often used for laundry detergent bottles, shampoo bottles or milk jugs.

Wake Forest’s curbside recycling program accepts both PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastics.

For more information about the Town’s curbside recycling program, call (919) 554-6120.

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