

SECURE Your Load!

Help reduce roadside litter and increase safety by using tarps, cargo nets and tie-downs to secure loads.

“In North Carolina, half of all litter is blown, not thrown.”

— Mecklenburg County Solid Waste & Recycling

NCDOT spends millions of dollars each year removing litter from the state’s roadsides. Though you may not intentionally litter, if you do not secure the items in your truck bed, you are contributing to roadside litter. Remember, all North Carolinians share a responsibility to keep our state clean and green.



Take a few minutes to secure your load!

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“Don’t trash our highways! Debris that is tossed or falls from your vehicle becomes a safety hazard to other drivers. Make sure your loads are secure and that no loose trash can fly out of your open window or your truck bed. Littering is a violation of state law that the Highway Patrol takes seriously.”

— NC State Highway Patrol

Careless drivers could wind up picking up their own litter. It’s illegal under North Carolina law to haul an improperly secured load. Penalties include up to a \$2,000 fine, community service and one point on a motorist’s driver license upon conviction.

Section 1. G.S. 14-399

When litter is blown, scattered, spilled, thrown or placed from a vehicle or watercraft, the operator thereof shall be presumed to have committed this offense.

