



Telephone Book Recycling

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Once again, it's that time of year when new telephone books are distributed and outdated ones need to be recycled. I strongly encourage all NCDOT employees to look at ways to reduce the number of telephone books at the office and conserve our natural resources. Here are three great source reduction methods to follow, to accomplish this:

1. **Use the Internet**

There are several electronic telephone book directories available on the Internet.

2. **Sharing Telephone Books**

Centralize your telephone books by a copier or printer for the entire office to use. Example: If you have 10 people in your office, instead of ordering telephone books for each person only order 2 sets to be placed in a central place for all in the office to use. This practice would result in an 80% source reduction.

3. **Eliminate Multiple Directories**

Eliminate having multiple company telephone books in the office that cover the same geographically area. Example: If you work in Raleigh, (Bell South, Sprint, The Talking Phone Book) choose just one.

Questions or comments concerning Telephone Book Recycling Program or information on other environmental programs should be directed to your local City/County Solid Waste Management Division. Questions for NCDOT 3R Program (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), contact John Sharp, Environmental Specialist, (919) 715-3708 <mailto:jsharp@ncdot.gov>