



**PENDER SOLID WASTE**

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**Solid Waste Fee for Campers/Campgrounds FY 2016 - 2017**

There are two separate levels of participation in the Solid Waste Fee – the \$220 annual fee for full use of the convenience centers -referred to as the "User Fee", and the \$110 annual fee for the use of the recycling centers – known as the "Availability Fee". Every "waste generator" in the unincorporated area of Pender County is responsible for payment of the User Fee, unless they can demonstrate that their MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) is handled by a private hauler. All dwellings and individual businesses outside of municipalities pay the "Availability Fee" for the availability of recyclable material collections and disposal regardless of a recognized collection service (Per Pender County Solid Waste Ordinance)

All camp sites in campgrounds in Pender County are considered "waste generators" and in some campgrounds (Lanier's and Virginia Creek), by virtue of their semi-permanent status whereas they are in place for more than six months of the year, are considered a "dwelling unit". These are treated the same as mobile homes in parks in the County. Each individual unit is responsible for payment of the fee.

When a campground can demonstrate to the Pender County Tax Office that the dwelling units are provided with a contracted MSW collection service, the units are only charged the "Availability Fee" and not the full "User Fee".

The Pender County Tax Office advises that they rely on the information provided to them each year by the property owners about those campground residents situated on site at least six (6) months of the year or greater to determine the level (rate) of the Solid Waste Fee due each year, if at all.