

Litter Mitigation Report for 2021 Calendar Year

Program Summary:

Rowan County Environmental Management works closely with Rowan County Code Enforcement and Law Enforcement officers to help alleviate the growing problem of roadside litter and illegal dumping within our borders. Through roadside litter removal, educational programs, law enforcement and by working closely with community partners, we have achieved some success in mitigating litter issues for Rowan County.

Rowan County has 2,498.58 shoulder miles of roadway.

During 2021 calendar year, the Department of Environmental Management removed approximately:
117 Tons of litter and roadside debris.

Rowan County law enforcement has contributed to our program success by focusing law enforcement efforts to enforce N.C. litter laws and solid waste management rules for Rowan County. The Rowan County Environmental Enforcement Officer program has **issued (33) Citations and initiated (22) Dumpsite Clean-ups.**

2021	Litter Removed (Tons)	Citations	Clean-ups
1 st Quarter	37.77		
2 nd Quarter	32.33		
3 rd Quarter	16.58		
4 th Quarter	30.10		
Totals	116.78 Tons	33	22

Reporting Litter:

Littering North Carolina roadways is illegal and can result in fines for those that commit the offense. The N.C Department of Transportation's Swat-A-Litterbug Program encourages the public to report people who litter in an effort to help make North Carolina roadways cleaner. The public can report those who litter to NCDOT's Litter Management Section by filling out an on-line form or calling NCDOT Litter Management at 1-800-331-5864.

Upon receipt of the reported information, NCDOT will mail the registered owner of the vehicle that was reported a formal notification, signed by the N.C. State Highway Patrol, that informs them about the littering offense, the penalties of littering and urges them to help keep North Carolina clean.

For additional resources for citizens who wish to assist with litter control or clean-up efforts, please visit the NCDOT Litter Management Division's website.

Respectfully Submitted, Caleb Sinclair