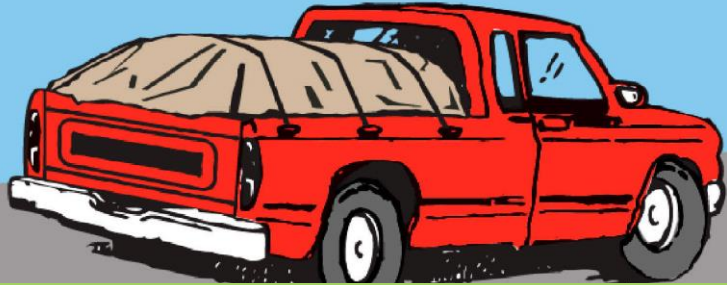


Secure Your Load For Safer Roads!



It's the law!

NOTICE: DOUBLE-FEES FOR UNSECURED LOADS BEGINNING JUNE 15, 2019

On June 15, 2019, the Union County Solid Waste Management Facility will begin enforcing a double-fee charge to customers whose load does not meet the requirements of the secured-load law explained below.

This additional fee for any illegal load that comes into our Facility has been agreed upon and voted on by your Union County Commissioners on March 4, 2019.

What is a secured load?

A load is secure when nothing can slide, shift, fall, or sift onto the roadway, or become airborne.

To secure your load:

- **Tie down** using rope, netting, straps, or chains. Securely fasten large items directly to your vehicle. Make sure that any covering is securely tied down.
- **Put lighter items lower** and place heavier items on top to help keep them in place and secure the heavy items directly to your vehicle.
- **Cover** your load with a tarp. Covering your load with a tarp and then securely fastening the tarp to the vehicle is good way to ensure that your load is secure.
- **Don't overload** your vehicle.
- **Double-check** that your load is secure.

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What is an unsecured load?

An unsecured load has not been fastened in or attached to the vehicle with tarps, rope, straps, netting, or chains, so as to prevent any part of the load or the covering from becoming loose, detached, or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving. Between 2011 and 2104, over 2,000 crashes, 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths resulted from debris.

“But I’m just going a short way and I won’t be driving fast.”

Even if you are driving slowly for just a couple of blocks you are still required to secure your load. The law is clear: every vehicle that travels on every publicly maintained road must have a secured load.

The requirement to secure loads is North Carolina Code - General Statutes § 20-116. Size of vehicles and loads.

(g)(1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed and loaded to prevent any of its load from falling, blowing, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom, and the vehicle shall not contain any holes, cracks, or openings through which any of its load may escape.

“But what I’m hauling is so heavy it couldn’t possibly fall out.”

Just because you can't imagine it happening doesn't mean it hasn't happened. Each year, heavy items such as large truck tires, spools of wire, and large pieces of wood fall from vehicles and end up on our roadways creating hazards for motorists. Take the time to always secure your load.

“But my load is below the top of the truck bed.”

Even with a small load, items can shift and become loose or airborne. Don't risk it – secure your load.