

# Local Governments and the Solid Waste Disposal Tax

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# Local Governments

- A tax is paid for every ton disposed in North Carolina.
- Counties and Towns receive a quarterly distribution of the solid waste tax collected by the Department of Revenue.

# Harnett County

## Harnett County Solid Waste Program:

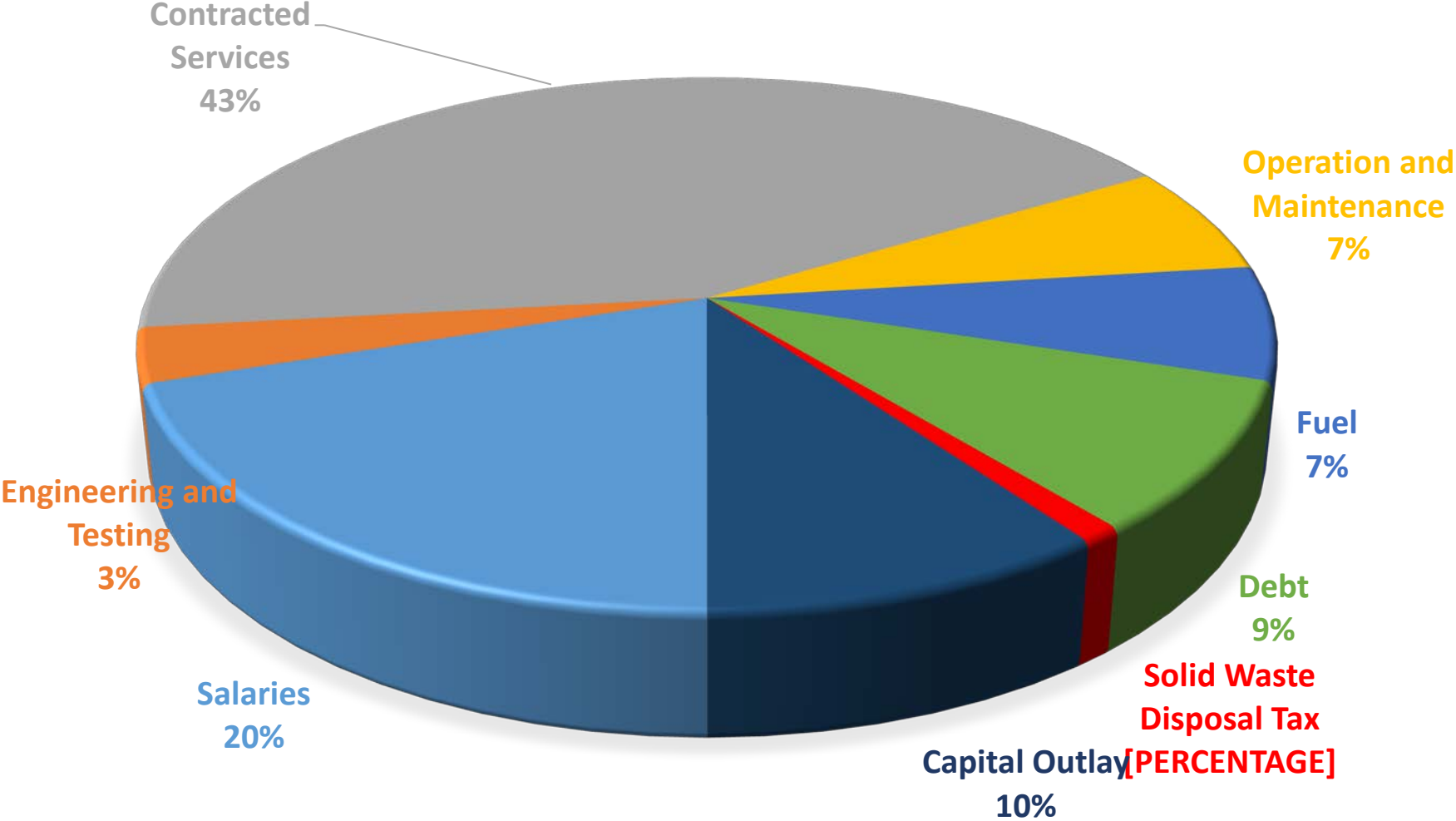
- Two (2) Construction and Demolition Landfills
- Two (2) MSW Transfer Stations
- Seven Staffed Convenience Centers
- Serves approximately 130,000 citizens
- Harnett County receives a disbursement of approximately \$75,000 to \$85,000 annually.
- All revenue from the tax, as required by law, is used solely for solid waste management programs and services. Per G.S. 105-187.63.

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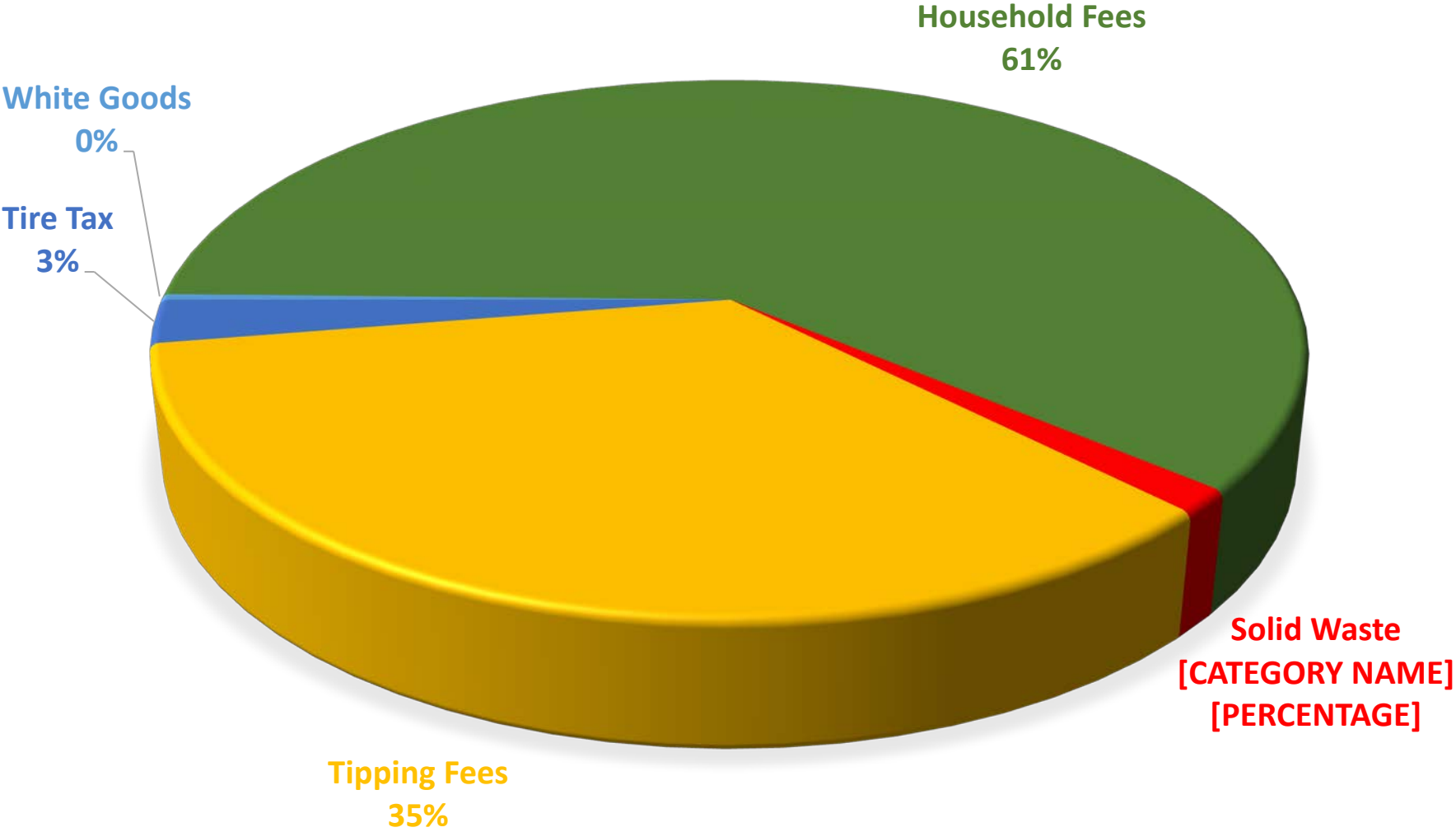
- Harnett County pays a \$2/ton disposal tax for residential waste transported to Sampson Disposal, LLC. The \$2/ton disposal tax is included in our C&D and MSW tipping fees.
- Harnett County operates a Solid Waste Enterprise fund. The following charts represent expenditures and revenues for the fund.



**HARNETT COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
EXPENDITURES**



**HARNETT COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
REVENUES**



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The Solid Waste Disposal Tax distributions are used for solid waste management programs and services. Without the disbursement, we would need to raise the Solid Waste Availability Fee by \$2 per household.

The disbursement may seem like a small piece of the pie, but it is an important piece. In the next few slides, we will highlight the programs and services that are supported by this disbursement.

# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Pays for a vacuum truck to pump and haul leachate from the transfer station. Leachate is the number one source of off-site contamination from landfills.





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Pays for the installation of a permanent pump station to pump leachate from the unlined closed out MSW to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.





# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Funds the replacement of the metal hopper at the transfer station. The hopper diverts waste into the trailer at the transfer station. Any waste not deposited in the trailer can become a permit violation.



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Funds yard waste processing annually. We have recently stopped burying yard waste. We now produce mulch that can be reused.





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Purchases fuel for heavy equipment operation at all facilities annually. Large tractors with pull pans are used to haul dirt to cover waste to reduce vector attraction and leachate production at the construction and demolition debris landfill. Heavy equipment at the transfer station is used to clean the tipping floor and pack waste into trailers. The operation of heavy equipment is essential to properly and efficiently operating a sanitary landfill facility.



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Funds the installation of new truck scales. Truck scales are essential for permit compliance and reporting for sanitary landfills.





# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Pays for the transfer and disposal of 2,000 tons of MSW or approximately 100 tractor trailer loads transported by Hilco to Sampson Disposal, LLC.



# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Purchases six refurbished compactors for the use at Harnett County convenience centers. The compactors allow fewer hauls to the transfer station and reduces leachate production. Open tops containers are being phased out of our convenience sites.





# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Pays for the contract operation and hauling by Republic Services for two convenience centers. These centers are our first line of defense against illegal dumping and littering.





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Funds special waste programs including Household Hazardous Waste Events and Electronics Management. These programs are reduce dumping and reduce groundwater and surface water contamination.





# What does \$80,000 look like for Harnett County?

Funds environmental deputy position and public outreach.  
Litter is costly for local governments and for the NCDOT.  
Litter negatively impacts the ability to attract economic development, crime rate, and quality of life.



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