Pickens to require

County says move will save money

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Pickens County residents will have to display a decal on their vehicles by Jan. 1 to dispose of waste at county recycling centers in an effort to save taxpayer dollars.

The county is requiring residents to prove they live in the county and obain the decals before they will be allowed to use the recycling centers, said Pickens County Administrator Chappell Hurst.

"The reason essentially is to save money," Hurst said. "Over the years, it's been a problem where we've had residents from other counties come into Pickens County and deposit their waste at the recycling centers."

Hurst said Pickens County taxpayer money goes to pay for the recycling centers and to dispose of the waste. He said

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recycling decals

they are doing this to ensure the recycling centers are used only by Pickens County residents.

"If you aren't paying any taxes (in Pickens County), our people are subsidizing somebody else that lives somewhere else," he said.

Hurst said requiring the decals could save the county about $15,000 to $25,000 a year.

He said this will help keep businesses from disposing of their waste at the recycling centers as well. Businesses are supposed to pay for the disposal of their waste, which goes to the landfill, not the centers, Hurst said.

He said the decals are free.

County residents can pick up the decals from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays at the county bailing facility, 2047 Old Liberty Road, between Liberty and Easley, Hurst said.

Residents must show a valid driver's license or vehicle registration to validate county residency.

For more information, call 864-898-5844 or 864-850-7092.