Metrolina Recycling Center (MRF)

When you put a plastic water bottle, aluminum can, or piece of paper into a recycling container, have you ever thought about where it goes next? Mecklenburg County recyclables are brought to a facility close to downtown Charlotte called The Metrolina Recycling Center. This facility processes the wide range of materials obtained from the single-stream collection in residential, schools and commercial recycling programs in Mecklenburg and neighboring counties.

Recyclables brought to the facility are sorted and prepared for market. After further processing, these recyclables are turned into new products. Although the facility and the processing equipment are owned by the County, the facilities day-to-day operations are managed by a third party vendor with vast experience running Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) such as the Metrolina Recycling Center.

The Metrolina Recycling Center currently processes approximately 400 tons per day, operating five days a week. Approximately 100,000 tons of recyclable materials processed annually.

Tours
Tours are not offered at this time. We have moved our “tour offerings” to our virtual platforms, available through our on-line videos or webinars.

Virtual presentations are available by emailing solidwaste@mecknc.gov.

Visit WipeOutWaste.com to see videos of the Metrolina Recycling Facility in action!