



# America Recycles Day

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on November 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day. More than a celebration, America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling programs in the United States. One day to inform and educate. One day to get our neighbors, friends and community leaders excited about what can be accomplished when we all work together. One day to make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year. You can find your Recycling Convenience Center online at [www.SolidWasteAuthority.org](http://www.SolidWasteAuthority.org) or by calling 843-347-1651. Spread the word and celebrate America's Recycles Day! For free materials and information for your organization, visit [www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org](http://www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)

## America Recycles Day Events Saturday, Nov. 13

Join the Horry County SWA at Wal-Mart, Seaboard Street, Myrtle Beach, 10am to 2pm. Register to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card when you bring a recyclable to the booth. Find green products on display in the store. Call (843) 347-1651 for event details

## Monday, Nov. 15

Join the City of Conway to celebrate the state's Arbor Day at Smith-Jones Park, off Hwy 378 in Conway, 9:30am-11am. Call (843) 248-1760 for event details.

# Team Green: Get in the Game



“Our Team Is Green! Get In The Game!” is an aggressive approach that encourages all of Horry County to participate in all environmental programs to include working as a team to recycle at their school. We are drafting all players to “huddle up” to practice the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! There is no I in team! Get in the Game!

Fall officially started in September, but it unofficially begins with the true sign of Fall's arrival, the first “Game Day”. Sporting events are great fun, but during those fun times, watching or participating, we need not forget about practicing the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle). Here are some simple ideas that help your team go for the green.

- Refill your water bottle. If just two out of three sports fans refilled a water bottle rather than buying a new one, it would save about as many plastic bottles as there are people in the U.S. (The Green Book). Recycle your water bottles when finished.
- Do not litter and go for the green by

picking up and properly disposing of any trash that you see.

- Consider renting or leasing sports equipment on a per use basis as opposed to cluttering up your garage with gear that will only be used once or twice a year.
- If you purchase tennis balls for yourself or for your dog, consider buying the kind that is sold in a recyclable paper box or a reusable mesh bag. These are just as good as those tennis balls that come in the pressurized plastic tube and they last longer. The plastic tube cannot be recycled.

- Donate your used sporting goods. Not only would you be contributing to a good cause, you save landfill space and you save resources in the manufacturing new equipment.

We will increase recycling participation this year! No one is going to sit out or being benched! We are all eligible receivers here! We need all of you to get out there and put your recycling game face on!



*The SWA mascot, Bruce Refuse, gets in the game by recycling with the Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest every month!*

# 2009-10 Environmental Awards

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) honors those schools and educators who help to carry on the mission of "Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today."

**Gold Star Schools:** Presented to those schools that have done an exceptional job in their recycling programs. **Academy for Arts, Science and Technology, Burgess Elementary School, Ocean Bay Middle School, and Whittemore Park Middle School**

**Recycling Liaison of the Year:** **Cindy Lilly, Ocean Bay Middle School**, has gone above and beyond her role and worked diligently to promote recycling and environmental awareness in school.



Winners from the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's 17th Annual Environmental Awards Banquet, pictured from left to right include: Margaret Bounds and Amber Gordon, Burgess Elementary; Don Poland, Academy for Arts, Science and Technology; Cindy Lilly, Ocean Bay Middle School; and Robbie Watkins, Whittemore Park Middle School.

**Environmental Eagle:** **Martha Young, North Myrtle Beach High School** for her dedication and leadership in conserving the environment both at school and in the community. She has successfully created sustainable recycling and waste reduction programs at her school and helped foster programs at several other schools in Horry County.



2010 Environmental Eagle winner Martha Young, North Myrtle Beach High School, (left) pictured with Jennifer Sellers, Horry County SWA Recycling Coordinator.

# Calendar

## Dec. 1-15 - Metal Can Collection Talkin' Trash Contest!

Horry County schools with 4th grade students participate in this recycling contest to win a computer for their school! For details, visit: [www.areyoutalkintrash.org](http://www.areyoutalkintrash.org)

## Dec. 26-Jan 19, Various Locations Grinding of the Greens

After Christmas, bring your real trees to one of the drop-off locations. At the end of January, return to one of those locations for free mulch. Call (843) 347-1651 for location details.

## March 1, 2011 - SWA Scholarship Deadline for High School Seniors

One eligible graduating senior from each high school has the chance to win a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship, which includes a 500 word essay about recycling. For an application, call (843) 347-1651 or visit SWA website.

## March 31, 2011 - Recycling Student of the Year Entry Deadline

Do you know a student in Horry County that could be the next Recycling Student of the Year? Submit your entry to the SWA. For an entry form, call (843) 347-1651 or visit SWA website.

## 2010 Protect Our Planet Winner



Walker Johnson (left) of Aynor Middle School won a \$250 Savings Bond and prize pack for his used CD art creation, Ice Tree, pictured with Jennifer Sellers, Horry County SWA Recycling Coordinator.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority provides a fully integrated solid waste management system, which includes landfill management, public education, state-of-the-art technology, and recycling programs.

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