

RECYCLE THIS!

Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Newsletter to Read & Recycle

Are You One That Makes A Difference??

We are often posed with the question, "Does recycling make a difference?" Well simply said - **YES**, recycling makes a difference to our environment, our natural resources and our future.

Recycling helps in the protection of our environment through the saving of natural resources. Manufacturing products from recycled materials requires less energy than producing products from virgin, natural materials. In addition, recycling paper products lessens the need to use virgin wood, which allows trees to remain in our forest to produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide from our atmosphere.

Every item that we recycle and/or reuse is one less item that is buried in a landfill. When we recycle, we save valuable landfill space, while extending the life of the landfill.

Each of us is making a difference everyday with every item we recycle. As reported by South Carolina DHEC in the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report, South Carolinians generated 4,176,886 tons of municipal solid waste, of which 1,063,521 tons were recycled, which equates to 25% being recycled.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority wants to show you the positive impact on our environment if everyone in Horry County would start recycling just one item every day. Visit one of our 24 Recycling and Convenience Centers throughout the county or contact your municipal solid waste department. Let's make a difference today for every one of our tomorrows.

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Recycling Coordinator, Kendra Hooks presents Caitlyn Elizabeth Ward a plaque, a U.S. Savings Bond and a prize pack filled with recycled content prizes in recognition of her selection as the 2011 Recycling Student of the Year.

Solid Waste Authority Recognizes 2011 Recycling Student of the Year

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority recognized the 2011 Recycling Student of the Year, Tuesday, June 28 at the Solid Waste Authority's Board Meeting. Caitlyn Elizabeth Ward, a student at Green Sea Floyds Elementary School received this honor and each received a \$250.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) was honored to award this deserving student who demonstrates a willingness to "Protect Tomorrow's Environment Today" through tireless efforts to recycle. "Caitlin took great pride in recycling at home and at school while also encouraging others to learn the benefits of recycling" stated Mrs. Kendra Hooks, SWA Recycling Coordinator. After receiving her plaque, Caitlin took a moment to address the SWA Board to express her concerns for the environment and to thank the SWA for providing recycling programs to Horry County schools.

ELECTRONIC WASTE UPDATE

New Location

For several years, residents have been encouraged to recycle their old, unwanted electronics. Residents are now required to recycle electronics. It's the law.

In May 2010, South Carolina passed legislation that requires residents to recycle desktop,



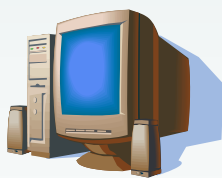
laptop, notebook and tablet computers as well as computer monitors, printers and televisions. The legislation specifically says that residents

"may not knowingly place or discard" a computer, computer monitor, printer and television "in any waste stream that is to be disposed of in a solid waste landfill." The ban went into effect on July 1, 2011.

Electronics contain cadmium, lead, mercury and other toxic materials that can be hazardous to human health and the environment if not properly managed. All non-working electronics should be recycled. Working electronics may be upgraded or donated for continued use.

Where can electronics be recycled?

There are multiple ways for residents to recycle banned electronics. Residents living in the unincorporated areas of Horry County may recycle televisions, computer CPUs and monitors, printers, etc. at any SWA Recycling Center. Residents living in a municipality should contact their local municipality regarding disposal/recycling options. The SWA encourages all to donate electronic items to a local charity if they are still in good condition.



Businesses wishing to dispose of and/or recycle electronic waste should contact South Carolina DHEC at 800-768-7348 or visit their business electronic waste webpage at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/e-cycle/businesses.htm>



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly constructed **Socastee Recycling Center** was held on June 2nd. The center is located on Jones Rd and replaces the former Socastee Recycling Center that was located off of S.C. Highway 707, behind Socastee High School. The center is manned and offers receptacles to receive household garbage, yard waste, recyclables and large "white good" items, (things like old appliances and items that will not fit into a normal waste receptacle). The center is open Sunday through Saturday from 7AM-7PM.

Directions: Traveling Hwy 544, toward Socastee (West of Waterway), turn right onto Pine Hollow Road. Take right at Leisure Lane, then left on Jones Road. The center is at the end of the road on the left.



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. The current landfill located off Highway 90 in Conway, is carefully monitored

and regulated to ensure public health and safety and environmental protection.

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