

Recycle This!

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

Going for the GREEN!

Fall officially begins on Sunday, September 23, but it unofficially began with the true sign of Fall's arrival, the first "Game Day". Sporting events are great fun, but during those fun times whether watching or participating, we need not to forget about practicing the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle). Here are some simple ideas that can 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.

Try not to litter. 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.

Recycling Bin Blues



Life may just seem easier if you were issued a recycling bin at your home. But don't let the lack of an "official" recycling bin get you discouraged from recycling. Even though recycling is not mandatory in Horry County or South Carolina, we encourage everyone to do their part in Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today by recycling. No specialized container is necessary to be a great recycler. Be creative and purchase a container to use for recycling at your local home improvement or department store. Stores offer receptacles for trash that can be converted into recycling bins. When your receptacle is full, recycle the materials through your municipal program or at one of the 23 Recycling Convenience Centers managed by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, visit www.SolidWasteAuthority.org for a map.



The Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest is underway for the 2007-08 year! Fourth grade students from Kingston Elementary pose with the Solid Waste Authority mascot, Bruce Refuse, in front of the WBTV TV-13 van. For details on the contest, visit www.SolidWasteAuthority.org/funsite/talkintrash.html



New recycling facility to be LEED certified



Where does all the recycling go? You may have asked yourself this question if you recycle in Horry County.

After you place your recyclables into a recycling container, either at one of the Recycling Centers or through one of the municipal programs, the Horry County Solid Waste Authority receives it. The plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans, glass jars, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and office paper are transported to a central Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). At the MRF, these materials are hand-sorted and packaged. Then the recyclables are shipped to factories that turn them into new recycled-content products.

The current 22,000 square foot MRF is located on Jason Boulevard in Myrtle Beach and processes an average of 1,400 tons of material per month. This facility accepts recyclables for at no cost; there is no tipping fee.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority is in the process of constructing a new 40,000 square foot MRF that will be capable of processing 30,000 tons of recyclables annually. The state-of-the-art facility will be a “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design” certified building and is expected to be operational in early 2008.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings’ performance.

Tours of the facility will be available through the Public Education Department by calling (843) 347-1651 or email: education@solidwasteauthority.org.

go green shopping

According to the EPA, the United States generated 245.7 million tons of municipal solid waste in 2005. Recycling is becoming more important than ever with the amount of garbage!

Shopping with the environment in mind, also known as being “green” not only helps to close the loop on recycling, but it sends a message to companies that says, “I want that!” This season shop with the environment in mind and search for eco-products. Everything from organic food and clothing to non-toxic soaps as well as recycled-content jewelry have become popular and widely available. You can be one of the many people that wants to live a healthier, more environmentally-conscious lifestyle.

“green” gift websites

www.eco-artware.com

www.greenfeet.com

www.uncommongoods.com



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.

CONTACT US!

Administration & Education: 347-1651

Collection & Hauling: 347-6622

Recycling Convenience Centers: 347-1651

Materials Recycling Facility: 916-0222

info@SolidWasteAuthority.org

www.SolidWasteAuthority.org