

# Recycle This!

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

## How to Safely Clean-Up a CFL

“CFL’s,” Compact Fluorescent Lights, are used to replace incandescent light bulbs because CFLs are energy efficient and save money. CFLs contain Mercury, a toxin that can be leaked into the air, water, and soil when a CFL or any fluorescent bulb breaks. Special care should be taken when this occurs.

According to SC DHEC, the proper way to clean up a broken CFL is to have people and pets leave the room. Do not walk through the breakage area on the way out. Open a window, leave the room, and shut off the central heating / air conditioning system for at least 15 minutes. Using a piece of cardboard for a dustpan, carefully scoop up glass and powder and place in a glass jar or sealable plastic bag. Tape can be used to collect any small



fragments or powder. Wipe area clean with damp paper towel or wet wipe and place them in the sealable container. Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up broken CFL on a hard surface. If vacuum is needed on a rug or carpet, remove and / or wipe the canister clean. Dispose of the bag and wipe in a sealable container. Once area is clean, immediately place sealed containers in the outside trash. Wash hands. For more information, check out [www.epa.gov/mercury.spills/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/mercury.spills/index.htm).

## Just Say No to Illegal Dumping



Illegal dumping and open dumps are the improper disposal of waste at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility. Illegal dumping can hurt you, your family, your friends, and animals. Illegal / open dumps attract rodents and insects. For example, waste tires that have been dumped illegally provide the perfect breeding ground for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Also illegal dumps may be easily accessible to children, who can be at risk to harmful chemicals or get hurt from nails and sharp objects. The runoff from illegal dumps may contaminate drinking water and open dumps are possible fire hazards.

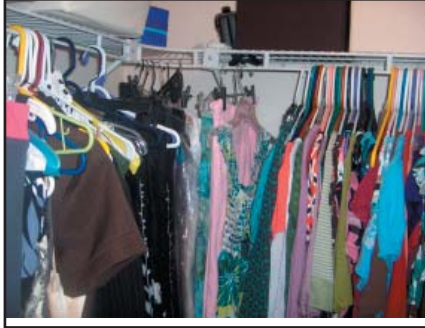
If you witness illegal dumping, an open dump or improper hazardous waste disposal, please call SC DHEC's Environmental Quality and Control office at (843) 238-4378. Please help the Horry County Solid Waste Authority support their mission of “Protecting Tomorrow’s Environment Today”.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority offers a place to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, antifreeze, paint, and other harmful chemicals. This facility is open every the third Saturday of every month from 8 am to 3 pm or by appointment. Please call (843) 347-1651 for more information.

### Landfill Field Trips & Presentations

Come get a tour of the landfill or schedule a presenter to come to your group to speak about recycling. Everything is free. Call (843) 347-1651 or email [education@solidwasteauthority.org](mailto:education@solidwasteauthority.org) for details.

# Even clothing deserves a second chance



You are probably like most people and have shirts in your closet that you never wear anymore. There are possibly some shoes that don't fit and some purses that you are not fond of this year. Often times these items are not in bad shape and someone else could use them. The old saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure. With the current economy, there are several options for your old clothes and accessories. Check under the following categories in the phone book for a listing of local organizations that accept donations of clothing: Charitable Organizations, Thrift Shops. For a list of businesses that buy and sell second-hand clothing, check in the phone book under: Consignment Service. Other businesses include The Clothing Exchange, Socastee, 294-0262, The Clothesline, Conway, 365-4011, Moozie's Closet, Myrtle Beach, 626-3600, Plato's Closet, Myrtle Beach, 650-3512, and Used, But Not Abused, Myrtle Beach, 293-1045. Please contact the organization or store for specifications about types of clothing accepted, hours of operation and monetary information.

These stores are also a great option to shop for back to school clothing and accessories. In today's culture, nothing is truly out of style when you are trying to save money. Many of these stores are locally owned and operated. Some items are brand new and always sold at a favorable price.

So, whether you are cleaning out your closet or going shopping for the new season, check out the second-hand stores. You may be surprised at what you find.

## Calendar

### *Sept. 1 - Green is Good for Business Conference, Columbia, SC*

Learn about how to green your workplace during this one day conference. Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Call (803) 545-2722 for details.

### *Sept. 18-20 - Home Show, Myrtle Beach Convention Center, SC*

Explore new ideas and innovations for your home and garden with local businesses. Call (843) 347-7311 for details.

### *Sept. 26 - Irish-Italian Festival, North Myrtle Beach Main Street*

Enjoy cultural crafts, food and fun to celebrate Irish and Italian heritage on NMB Main Street from 10 am to 4pm. Call (843) 281-3737 for details.

## Who is 'No Impact Man'?

For one year, in New York City, a man by the name of Colin Beaven wanted to make the impossible, possible. With his family, he conducted a "no impact" lifestyle experiment, which was chronicled in a soon to be released movie. They attempted to live without making any net impact on the environment. In other words, no trash, no carbon emissions, no toxins in the water, no products in packaging, no AC, no TV and no toilets! Is this possible? What would life be like?

Check out the Blog online:

[www.noimpactman.typepad.com](http://www.noimpactman.typepad.com)

Movie: Due out in late 2009

### **Mulch & Compost For Sale!**

Horry County's yard waste and landclearing debris gets naturally recycled into mulch and compost at the facility on Hwy 90 in Conway. The mulch and compost is available for sale for \$10 a ton to the public. Call 347-1651 for questions.



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. For free facility tours and more information, please contact us!

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