

# Recycle This!

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

## Three Horry County Schools Win 5th Annual Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority and WPDE-TV 15 will honor three Horry County schools for having recycled the most newspaper, aluminum, and plastic during the Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest for the 2004-05 school year.

Each winning school has received a new computer, an opportunity to appear on WPDE-TV 15 and an educational field trip to Myrtle Beach State Park on April 11 and April 12.

In the category of schools with a 4th grade population of less than 95 students, Midland Elementary took top honors winning four out of six months. Overall, Midland recycled 11,740 pounds of recyclables equating to 194.41 pounds per 4th grade student. In the category of schools with a 4th grade population between 96-150 students, Waccamaw Elementary took honors for winning four out



of six months. Overall, Waccamaw recycled 18,255 pounds equating to 173 pounds per 4th grade student. In the category of schools with a 4th grade population more than 151 students, North Myrtle Beach Intermediate won for all six months of the contest. Overall, they recycled 7,692 pounds equating to 27.47 pounds per 4th grade student.

The overall Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest helped collect a grand total of 77,911 pounds from the 15 participating schools, which is a 26% increase from last year.

In its 5th year, the Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest encourages 4th grade students in Horry County schools to recycle more. Once a month, a recyclable is collected and the schools are judged based on the weight per student for each school. A monthly school winner receives a new computer, a plaque and an opportunity to appear on television with WPDE-TV 15. The schools are divided into three categories, based on 4th grade class size. The three overall winning schools are taken on an educational field trip.

For a complete winners list and more information about recycling, please visit [www.SolidWasteAuthority.org](http://www.SolidWasteAuthority.org).

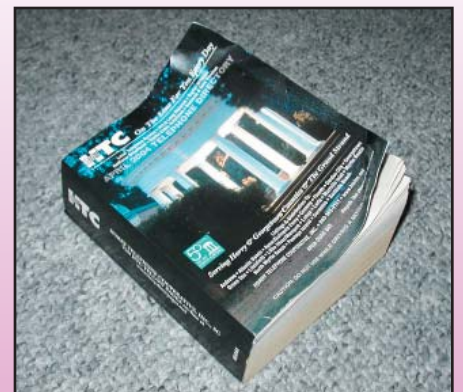
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## HTC Phonebook Recycling Earns Money

Horry County has the opportunity to earn money for schools by recycling old phonebooks through the "Recycling is Alive in 2005" campaign with HTC and the Horry County Solid Waste Authority. Through May 2nd, HTC will donate 15 cents for every phonebook, no matter the size, recycled on behalf of area schools. Old phonebooks can be dropped off at any HTC

office. Also, for every phonebook that is recycled, Wendy's is giving away a coupon for a free Frosty and Burroughs and Chapin is giving away a 'buy one, get one free' coupon at any six Family Mini-Golf location. Phonebooks can be recycled into materials such as ceiling tiles, textbooks, insulation and envelopes. For details, call HTC at 365-2154.



**For Sale!**

## Backyard Compost Bins

Create garden-rich compost at home by naturally recycling grass clippings, leaves, kitchen scraps (fruit and veggies) and other yard waste in a backyard compost bin.

The Solid Waste Authority has compost bins made from 100% recycled plastic available for \$44.00 each. Made by Garden Gourmet, these bins measure 24" x 24" x 36". Material is added through the top and a sliding door on the bottom allows finished compost to be easily removed. Also available to purchase are compost aerators for \$7.17 each.

Please call (843) 347-1651 for details on purchasing.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Come visit the Horry County Solid Waste Authority at one of these upcoming events!

**April 23**

**Earth Day at Home Depot, Murrells Inlet  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day with SWA and bring 3 recyclables for a t-shirt or tote bag made from soda bottles, learn about recycling and backyard composting and pledge to recycle for a chance to win recycled-content gardening prizes!

**May 7**

**Reading Celebration at Dixie Stampede  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will host a Reading Celebration at Dixie Stampede, an event to encourage reading among children and parents. Featured are kids' games, face painting, animal exhibitions, jugglers, moonwalk, giant slide, food and drink, as well as free giveaways from businesses and public agencies that serve families.

## Plastic Bag Recycling



So, can you guess how many plastic grocery bags you have stuffed in a drawer? Hundreds? Join the club! Plastic grocery bags have been an ongoing challenge for the recycling markets. However, there are places you can recycle plastic bags in Horry County! Some national and local store companies, such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot, are helping to find recycling solutions for plastic grocery bags. Please check with your local grocery stores for recycling programs.



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 landfill, located off Highway 90 in Conway, is carefully monitored and regulated to ensure public health and safety. The SWA offers free landfill tours and educational presentations to the public in groups of five or more.

### Contact Us!

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