

Recycle This!

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

Go "Green" To Close The Loop!



"Green" in your home can be gorgeous, trendy and influential. Not only will you close the loop in recycling and waste reduction, but also purchasing "green" products sends a signal to manufacturers saying, "yes, I want that!" Then, in turn, these companies will produce and sell more environmental products. If you are planning a home project this year, consider going "green."

■ Recycled glass is proving to be a fashion statement in more homes. Glass chip counters and glass tiles made from discarded bottles make a lovely accent in any kitchen or bathroom.

■ Bamboo flooring, made from strips of bamboo cane, creates a tropical look and more importantly it is a renewable resource.

■ Cellulose insulation, one of the most environmentally-friendly insulation choices, is made from recycled newspaper, keeps paper out of the landfills and uses less energy to manufacture than fiberglass. To prevent fires, cellulose insulation is treated with a fire retardant. Insulation from fiberglass poses health risks including potential cancer-causing fibers and respiratory tract and lung irritation, if inhaled.

■ Carpet for your home or office, made by Mohawk, can be made from 100% recycled soda bottles.

At stores, be a conscious shopper and look for products with the recycling symbol. Products with the recycling symbol means they are either made from recycled, are recyclable or both.

A few companies that proudly use recycled-content in their packaging include General Mills, Kellogg's, Marcal, CVS, Post It, Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Anheuser-Busch.

Almost all plastic bottles are made from recycled plastic including, shampoo, laundry and household, such as found in Herbal Essence shampoo, Tide detergent and Gain detergent.

To learn more about environmental products, check out these helpful websites:

- www.epa.gov
- www.nrdc.org
- www.greenseal.org
- www.glasstile.com
- www.bamboo-floors.com
- www.woodfloors.org
- www.marcalpaper.com

Are you the next Recycling Student of the Year?

A new contest that we are all very excited about this year is the **Recycling Student of the Year**. This contest is offered to any public school student who is an avid recycler and recycles at home and at school. The Recycling Student of the Year has a positive influence on their community and must be committed to "Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today!" **Deadline: March 17, 2006.**

To learn more about the scholarship or contest, please contact the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Public Education Department at 347-1651 or education@solidwasteauthority.org.

Why You Should Care

Recycling means taking something old and turning it into something new. Although it is not mandatory to recycle in South Carolina, you should make recycling mandatory in your life. Recycling has been around for thousands of years, since the year 1031, but some still find it hard to adapt it into their daily lives. There may be factors that prevent you from recycling, but just think, if you recycled at least three plastic soda bottles every day for one year, it could make enough fiber to carpet your living room.

The environment is greatly affected by recycling. Here are some reasons why you should care about recycling. Recycling helps the environment by saving landfill space. It is very important to save landfill space because it prevents having to construct new landfills where people may want to live, farm, or play. South Carolina has 19 landfills, one of which is located in Horry County.



Recycling also saves energy, reduces pollution, and saves natural resources in the process of making more materials. For example, 20 recycled aluminum cans can be made with the same energy needed to produce one aluminum can from raw (virgin) bauxite ore, which is a non-renewable natural resource.

Recycling has many economic benefits as well as environmental. Recycling creates jobs for people; 20,000 people in South Carolina are employed with recycling companies.

Start trying to recycle if you don't already, make it part of your daily life, practice closing the loop or buying products made from recycled content, and help your children have a beautiful world.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

March 10 - 12, 2006 - Home Show

Myrtle Beach Convention Center

Get new ideas for your home and garden at the Home Show. Visit with several local companies, including the Solid Waste Authority, for tips, demos and trends. For event details, please call 347-7311.

March 17, 2006 - Deadline for Recycling Student of the Year Contest!

April 7, 2006 - Baby Animal Day

Playcard Environmental Center, 8 to 2 pm

Learn about wildlife and nature in the spring! For event details, please call Playcard Environmental Center at 756-1277.

April 22, 2006 - EARTH DAY!

Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium

Myrtle Beach from 12 pm to 3 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with the Solid Waste Authority. Play games, climbing wall, crafts, learn earth-friendly tips and enjoy some food and music! For event details, please call Horry County Parks & Recreation at 915-5330.



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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