

Recycle This!

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

ABC's Extreme Makeover a reality in Myrtle Beach



Jennifer Sellers, Rodney Cannon and Kendra Dickerson of the SWA in front of Renee Wilson's new home from Extreme Makeover.

ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition rolled into the Longs community on January 25 to surprise Renee Wilson and her four grandchildren, who have been living in a two bedroom mobile home. Their mobile home had a sagging roof, bad wiring and windows secured with duct tape.

The family was nominated by two teachers, Gail Horton of North Myrtle Beach Elementary School and Jayson Bendik of North Myrtle Beach Primary School, where the children attend school.

While the family vacationed in Walt Disney World for a week, a new 4,000 square foot home was being constructed by an army of volunteers and Hall Custom Homes and Classic Home Building and Design in just about 100 hours. The family returned

on Feb. 1 to a brand new full-furnished home.

During the project, the Horry County Solid Waste Authority waived its landfill disposal fees for the project, which totaled more than 195 tons and \$5,150. Recycling systems were also setup around the site at the catering volunteer and VIP tents. Over 100 pounds of recyclables (aluminum, plastic and cardboard) was collected in four days.

The SWA donated backpacks made from recycled soda bottles filled with school supplies and prizes for each of the children.

For photos and details, check out the local website at: www.ExtremeHomeMakeoverSC.com

The South Carolina Extreme Makeover Home Edition is scheduled to air March 25, 2007 on ABC.

Recycle old phonebooks for your school

Horry County has the opportunity to earn money for schools by recycling old phonebooks with HTC and the Horry County Solid Waste Authority. March 15 through May 1, 2007, 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.

Phonebooks are recycled into materials such as ceiling tiles, textbooks, insulation and envelopes.

In 2006, 57 public and private schools in Horry and Georgetown counties participated and raised \$11,070 to benefit their schools. Over 67,000 phone books were recycled, which means over 90 tons of directories were recycled instead of going into the landfill. Winning for the first time was Aynor Middle School by recycling 13,500 directories. Coming in 2nd for the first time was Whittemore Park Middle School by recycling 12,333 directories, and Loris Middle School came in 3rd by recycling 8,000 directories. Over the last seven years, HTC has contributed a total of \$74,260.00 needed by participating schools to purchase new computer software and to upgrade equipment.

For details, please call HTC's main office 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.



Coffee grounds help your garden grow!



Starbucks is making an effort to be environmentally responsible by providing the public with used coffee grounds to put in their garden or compost pile. Coffee grounds provide a valuable source of nutrition to nitrogen-loving plants. You can also mix the coffee grounds in with your compost to generate heat that will speed up the composting process. You can pick up your free coffee grounds from any Starbucks Coffee location. For more information on Starbucks Coffee and / or composting check out these websites:

www.Starbucks.com

www.CompostingCouncil.org

www.SolidWasteAuthority.org



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Come visit the SWA at one of these upcoming events!

Friday, April 13

Baby Animal Day at Playcard

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn about baby animals and nature at Playcard Environmental Center in Loris!

Sunday, April 15

Earth Day at Doug Shaw Stadium

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with SWA and the community. Bring 3 recyclables for a tote bag made from recycled soda bottles!

Sunday, April 22 - Earth Day

Saturday, May 5

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.

May 6 - 12

International Compost Awareness Week



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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Materials Recycling Facility: 916-0222

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