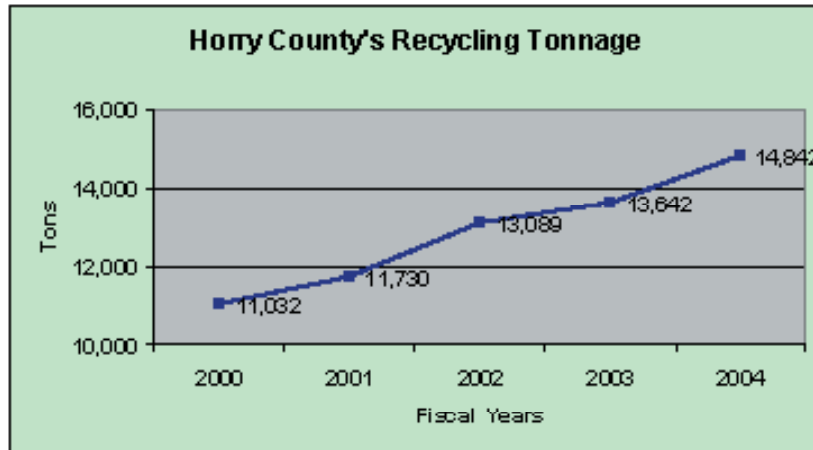


Recycle This!

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

Recycling Continues to Climb



In 2004, South Carolinians recycled 965,916 tons, but landfilled more than 3.3 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), a slight increase for both recycling and solid waste from last year.

Backhome, Horry County processed 14,842 tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, commingle, newspaper and office paper, at its Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). Overall the county recycled 69,479 tons of MSW, as reported by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, which gave it a 24.5% rate and an increase from the 23.3% rate from last year. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control has made 35% a state goal for the recycling rate.

Our Environmental Impacts

Waste prevention and recycling can result in significant reductions in pollution, landfill space, and greenhouse gas emissions. Horry County recycled 69,479 tons of MSW resulting in an environmental impact equivalent to removing

22,841 cars from the road for one year, growing more than 2 million seedlings for 10 years or conserving 245,545 barrels of crude oil.

Our Landfill Capacity

The SWA's Municipal Solid Waste landfill, which is off Highway 90 in Conway, will reach capacity this year, having been open since 1998. The 27-acre landfill will have a completed capacity of about 1.5 million tons of garbage and will reach a total of 139 feet above sea level. The life expectancy of a landfill this size depends on recycling and disposal rates. Once the current landfill closes, the new garbage produced in Horry County will go into the new 20-acre landfill site, which is adjacent to the current site.

Did You Know?

The average person, who doesn't recycle, throws away about 4 pounds of MSW per day, so encourage your family and friends to recycle and help Horry County exceed the 35% state's recycling goal!

Summertime Recycling Tips

Don't let your head go on vacation this summer when it comes to recycling! Summer is a busy and fun time with friends, family, trips and cookouts, but don't forget to reduce, reuse and recycle. Keep the momentum going!

- Reduce Styrofoam and plastic dinnerware and cups. Keep a travel mug when on the road or maintain a collection of fun summer plates and glasses for at-home parties. Your guests will be surprised and honored.

- Ask your friends and family to recycle during cookouts, parties or picnics. Have a recycle bin or bag handy, preferably next to your trash, to collect those empty aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Add a simple recycling sign, by handwriting on a paper plate.

- When on a trip to the beach, mountains or elsewhere, ask the front desk where you can recycle.

- Buy items in bulk to reduce packaging and save money.



Coordinator's Corner

Free Educational Resources!

Hello Everyone!

I would just like to take a moment to tell all of you how proud I am to be a part of the growing recycling sensation! All of your efforts are helping the Solid Waste Authority and Horry County in Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today! Summertime is here and I am sure you are all excited about visiting the beach! I know I am, but let's remember to keep our beaches clean and safe. No glass should be carried on the beach and never leave trash on the beach! Leave only footprints in the sand! With your help we can keep our beaches clean and beautiful! If you are interested in other ways to protect South Carolina's coast, please contact (843) 347-1651 and ask for me or Jennifer Sellers.

Thank you and keep recycling!

Kendra Dickerson



COMMUNITY NEWS

Monday, June 6

Sun Fun Kids Festival - 4 to 7 p.m.

Fuller Park, Surfside Beach

Enjoy fun and activities including face painting, balloon art, Lego Building Contest, rides, fire truck tours, music, games and more! For more information, call (843) 913-6339 or visit www.SunFunFestival.com. All rides and events are free.

Wednesday, June 15 and Wednesday, July 20

Wild Wednesdays Summer - 11 a.m.

Children's Museum, Myrtle Beach

Learn summertime recycling tips, view a typical landfill model, and what happens to recyclables at the Children's Museum Summer Program. The program is open to the public. For details, call (843) 946-9469. Look for more events from the SWA at the Museum this summer.

Recycling Fact: Did You Know?

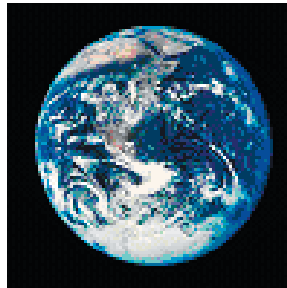
In 1970, Gary Anderson, a 23-year-old college student at the University of South California, won the top prize of \$2,500 for his design that symbolizes recycling. The three chasing arrows have been used worldwide since to show consumers products that are recyclable or made from recycled materials.

Congratulations Winners!

Area Recyclers Win Earth Day Prizes

The Solid Waste Authority celebrated the 35th anniversary of Earth Day at Home Depot in Murrells Inlet with recycling and backyard compost information and giveaways. We also had a drawing. Congratulations to our Earth Day winners for 2005!

- **Beverly Scanthin of Conway**
\$50 gift card from Home Depot
- **Judith Hayes of Murrells Inlet**
Bucket filled with Recycled-Content Products from Home Depot
- **Ben Jones of Pawleys Island**
Recycled-Content School Supplies



Pawleys Island Resident Wins Hybrid Car

Nancy Mawra of Pawleys Island and her family learned that it pays to recycle when they won the Ford Escape Hybrid SUV, the national prize for America Recycles Day 2004. Nancy's daughters, Brianna, Jackie and Alex, encouraged her to fill out the "Pledge to Recycle Card" to enter in drawing. The Solid Waste Authority is currently taking entries into the America Recycles Day drawing for 2005 until Nov. 15. Contact us to get a free entry and you could win big this year!



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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