

Recycle This!

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

Horry County's Recycling Rates Rise

In 2005, South Carolinians recycled more than 1 million tons, but landfilled more than 3.2 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), an increase for both recycling and solid waste from 2004.

In Horry County, we recycled 15,483 tons of material tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, commingle, newspaper and office paper, at its Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). Overall the county recycled 92,551 tons of MSW, as reported by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, which gave it a 29.3% rate and an increase from the 24.5% rate from 2004.

Our Environmental Impacts

Waste prevention and recycling can result in significant reductions in pollution, landfill space, and greenhouse gas emissions. Horry County recycled 92,551 tons of MSW resulting in an environmental impact equivalent



eliminating electricity usage by 35,769 households for one year, growing 7,144,547 tree seedlings for 10 years, or conserving 31,735,459 gallons of gasoline.

Our Landfill Capacity

The SWA's Municipal Solid Waste landfill, which is off Highway 90 in Conway, reached capacity in July 2005 with about 1.5 million tons of

trash. The 27-acre landfill opened in 1998. The life expectancy of a landfill this size depends on recycling, disposal and compaction rates. Currently, Horry County's MSW waste is going into a 20-acre landfill adjacent to the one that just closed. Since July, when it opened, it has accumulated about 200,000 tons of trash.

Summertime Recycling Tips

Summer is time for sun and fun! But don't forget to celebrate Earth Day everyday - even while on vacation. Here are some summertime tips:

- Collect recyclables at cookouts and parties, even at your friends' homes. It may encourage them to start recycling more at home.

- At cookouts and parties, encourage the use of washable utensils and plates, instead of disposal ones.

- Recycle paint and household chemicals at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the landfill on Highway 90. It is open the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8 am to 3 pm. Call (843) 347-1651 for more information.

- Use mulch to surround your gardens and plants during the hot summer. It helps keep moisture in. Buy mulch for \$10 per ton at the Solid Waste Authority on Hwy 90.



Go GREEN at Work

1. Carpool or use public transportation.
2. Become a Green Power Partner. Green Power is renewable energy. In Horry County, it is electricity created by the decomposition of garbage in a landfill. Contact Santee Cooper or Horry Electric for details.
3. Use Energy Star's energy-efficient office products. An ENERGY STAR qualified computer uses 70% less electricity than computers without enabled power management features. Check out www.energystar.gov
4. Use environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies. Green cleaning involves selecting alternative products, using those products properly, and taking other steps to reduce risks while maintaining a satisfactory level of cleanliness and disinfection. Check out www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/pubs/products/cleaner.htm
5. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Use spell check before you print and print double sided when possible, reducing the amount of paper you use. Buy reusable office supplies instead of disposable supplies and set up an area to exchange reusable office supplies, such as binders. Recycle office paper with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority for free! Call 347-1651 for details.

Congratulations Winners!

High School Scholarship Recipients!

The Solid Waste Authority recently selected six Horry County high school seniors as recipients of a \$1,000 Environmental Scholarship. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients for 2006! Scholarships are available to one qualifying student per Horry County public high school, each year. This year's recipients are:

- Devin Barnhill, Aynor High School
- Micah Witherspoon, Carolina Forest High School
- Leslie Causey, Green Sea Floyds High School
- Meredith Bailey, Myrtle Beach High School
- Vanessa Hilliard, Socastee High School
- Anna Lowery, St. James High School

2005-06 Talkin' Trash Recycling Schools!

For six months during the school year, Horry County 4th graders recycle a different item, including plastic, newspaper and metals. The top three recycling schools participating in the Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest win a Grand Finale Field Trip. This year's trip was to Alligator Adventure, where the 4th graders learned about snakes, alligators and exotic birds. The 2005-06 Talkin' Trash Grande Finale Winning Schools include:

Red: Midland Elementary, recycling 14,171 lbs.

White: Aynor Elementary, recycling 16,725 lbs.

Blue: North Myrtle Beach Intermediate, recycling 18,809 lbs.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 6, 10am to 2pm

Dixie Stampede Imagination Library Festival
Learn and explore children's activities and celebrate reading. The SWA will hand out coloring books and more. Free Event.

Friday, June 2 - Deadline

SC DHEC Recycling Mini Grant

Contact Sharon Thompson by email THOMPSSR@dhec.sc.gov for details.

Wednesday, June 21, 8am - Columbia, SC

Take Action Today Environmental Workshop

SC DHEC is hosting a free environmental workshop for teachers and educators. To sign up, please call (800) 768-7348.

Thursday, June 29, Summer Kids Program

Horry County Museum, Main St., Conway

The SWA will present recycling for kids at 10 am. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call (843) 248-1542.

Monday, July 17, Summer Kids Program

10am Horry County Library, 5th Ave, Conway

The SWA will present recycling for kids. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call (843) 248-1550.

Wednesday, August 9, Summer Kids Program

10:30 am Children's Museum, Myrtle Beach

Learn about how kids can recycle and create art from trash! The program is open to the public. For details, call (843) 946-9469.



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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