

Recycle This!

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

Caring for the beach

While vacationing and visiting the beach this summer, take extra care to protect it. Beach litter can have major impacts on people and wildlife. These impacts may be highly visible or hidden. Litter can mean a loss of revenue for a fisherman and the tourism industry. Animals may be harmed or killed by litter. Litter can be washed into the ocean and waterways, posing a significant threat to people and animals. It can settle on the bottom of the ocean and destroy habitats or get tangled in boat propellers. Birds, sea turtles, dolphins, and other animals can ingest and choke on plastic thinking its a food source. Although it may not be your litter, you should still do your part and take responsibility for it.

Beach Tips



- ◆ Use reusable bags (not plastic bags)
- ◆ Clean your area - leave only footprints
- ◆ Reduce your amount of plastic (wrappers, utensils, etc.)
- ◆ Recycle - if there are no recycling bins, take it with you

Top Litter Items

Plastics, bottles and caps, cup lids, straws, utensils, wrappers, Styrofoam, cigarette butts, and fishing line



What You Can Do

- ◆ Volunteer at Beach Sweep/River Sweep - September 18, 2010 - Contact Susan Ferris Hill at (843) 953-2078 or susan.ferris.hill@scseagrant.org
- ◆ Volunteer with South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts (SCUTE) to monitor nests and clean the beaches. Contact SCUTE at (843) 237-9821.
- ◆ Adopt-A-Beach - Voluntary beach clean up program for businesses, community and civic organizations. Program includes finding an area to adopt and publicizing your group or organization by posting a sign near your adopted beach to tell everyone that your group is in charge of keeping this stretch of beach clean. Contact SC DHEC at (843) 953-0200.
- ◆ S.C. Clean Marina - Opportunity for marina owners and operators to improve customer services, protect water quality and be recognized for their efforts. Contact Curtis Joyner, SC DHEC at (843) 953-0205 or joynercm@dhec.sc.gov.

What Can I Do With? ~ Worn or Torn U.S. flag ~



The American flag is a symbol of a united country and represents the ideals of justice, freedom and democracy. After months of proudly flying our flag, we are faced with the question:

What should I do with a worn or torn U.S. flag?

Such a flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably

by burning. Individuals should be responsible for destroying the worn flag in their possession and burying the ashes. Some VFW Posts provide assistance. According to the VFW website, here are the suggested procedures for disposing of a faded, worn flag:

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
 2. It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
 3. Place the flag on the fire.
 4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
 5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
 6. Make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.
- The following answers are from the Federal Flag Code (Public Law 94-344), VFW Ritual and U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry, www.vfw.org.

Calendar

Every Saturday until October Conway Farmers Market, 8a-1p

Browse local produce and crafts at 217 Laurel Street, downtown Conway.
Call (843) 365-6715 x115 or visit: www.conwayfarmersmarket.org

Wed., June 23 Environmental Education Workshop, Columbia

Teachers can attend this FREE one-day workshop in Columbia, SC. Call (800) 768-7348 to register. Free transportation from the Horry County SWA, call (843) 347-1651 to reserve your seat on the van.

June 30 & July 1 - Children's Museum, Myrtle Beach, 11 am

Go Green at the CMSC with the Horry County SWA and learn about recycling. Call (843) 347-1651.

How To Use Pesticides Properly

Proper use of pesticides can make your garden beautiful. Pesticides are a hot topic. It is important to read the entire label on any pesticide before purchase.

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for leaf removal or dehydration of plants, preventing fruit drop, inhibiting sprouting, or for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, fungi, bacteria, weeds, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses.

Briefly, pesticides include (but are not limited to) herbicides (weed killers), insecticides, fungicides, nematicides, rodenticides, piscicides (fish killers), molluscicides (kill mollusks), algicides, bactericides, insect repellents, some other chemicals. Again, it is important to read the entire label on any pesticide and NEVER remove the label from the container. Labels are your guide to using pesticides safely and effectively. The label will explain the recommended usage. Exceeding the usage will not make your spraying more effective but may kill your neighbors tomatoes. The label will also give details regarding when the pesticide was manufactured and when it expires. If the pesticide has expired or you have no need for the remainder, please take it to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility located on Hwy 90 in Conway. The HHW facility is open the third Saturday of every month.

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provides a
fully integrated
solid waste
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system, which



includes landfill management, public education, state-of-the-art technology, and recycling programs. For free facility tours and more information, please contact us!

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