

Recycle This!

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

Holiday Recycling and Waste Reduction Tips

Thanksgiving

■ November is an excellent time of year to conduct a neighborhood food, toy or clothing drive to donate to the Salvation Army, Street Reach, or any other helpful organization.

■ Buy products in concentrate, bulk, or in refillable containers. Many items are available in these sizes. They reduce packaging waste and can save you money! Combine waste reducing practices, such as buying coffee in bulk and storing it in your left over empty coffee cans.

■ Use your own camera instead of a disposable one to reduce waste while capturing holiday memories. Consider buying a digital camera so that you don't have to use film and only print the pictures you want to keep.

Holiday Parties

■ If you host a party, set the table with cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and silverware. Consider renting more formal tableware that you might not use very often. Also save and reuse party hats, decorations, and favors.

■ Wash and reuse empty glass and plastic jars, milk jugs, coffee cans, dairy tubs, and other simmiliar containers that would otherwise be thrown away. These make excellent containers to store holiday cookies, homemade eggnog, left over food and precious ornaments to keep for yourself or to share them with family and friends.

■ Show your guests where to put



recyclables such as aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers.

■ After parties, fill your dishwasher to capacity before running it. You will run fewer cycles, which saves energy.

Gifts & Wrapping

■ Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in our landfill every year. Reduce the amount of paper used by wrapping gifts in recycled or reused paper. The funny paper makes great wrapping paper, as does worn out clothing that has been turned into cool present packages/bags. Reduce the number of bags thrown out by bringing reusable cloth bags for holiday gift shopping. Tell store clerks you do not need a bag for small or oversized purchases.

■ Send recycled-content greeting cards by making your own out of the old cards from last year. Save the greeting cards you get this year to make recycled-content cards next year.

■ About 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Buy rechargeable batteries to

accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away, and can save money in the long run; making them great gifts.

■ You can help the Earth replenish its resources by planting a tree after the holidays.

■ When buying gifts, check product labels to determine an item's recyclability and whether it is made from recycled materials. Buying recycled encourages manufacturers to make more recycled-content products available.

Saving Energy

■ Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day, which makes your lights last longer and it saves energy.

■ If you are going away for the holidays, turn down your thermostat and put lights on timers to save energy.

Grinding of the Greens

Take Your Tree to a Mulch Better Place!

Approximately 33 million live Christmas trees are sold in North America every year. After the holidays, look for ways to recycle your tree instead of sending it to the landfill. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority hosts the Grinding of the Greens every year and it begins Dec. 26 - Jan. 16. Bring your tree to a designated site and it will be turned into mulch that is free to the public.

Want to Win a Scholarship?

Environmental Scholarships are being offered to graduating seniors from Horry County High Schools. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority is proud to support students who are planning to further their education and practice environmentally sound life habits. One graduating high school senior from each public high school pursuing a degree related to the environment, has the opportunity to win a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. **Deadline: December 16, 2005.**

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.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Saturday Nov. 12 - America Recycles! Home Depot, North Myrtle Beach

10 am to 2 pm - Celebrate America Recycles with the SWA and Home Depot. Promise to recycle, recycle more and buy recycled-content products. Enter for a chance to win a Ford Escape Hybrid and other prizes! Those that bring at least 3 recyclables may get a t-shirt made from soda bottles! (limit one shirt per person and to the first 50 people)

November 15 - America Recycles Day

Saturday Dec. 10- Conway Christmas Parade 8 am to 2 pm at Downtown Conway

Join the SWA and the City of Conway in celebrating the holiday and promoting recycling at the annual Christmas Parade!

Dec. 26 to Jan. 16 - Grinding of the Greens

After Christmas, bring your Christmas tree to one of the drop-off locations around Horry County. At the end of January, stop back by one of the locations for free mulch!

Bins Make A Great Gift!



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 stir your compost are compost aerators available for \$7.17 each.

Please call (843) 347-1651 for details on purchasing or stop by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority office on Highway 90, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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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