

Recycle This!

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

Holiday Recycling Tips

Americans throw away 25% more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Below are a few recycling tips to remember during the holidays this year.

- Give an "Earth-Friendly" gift this year.
 - Gift cards to restaurants and shops
 - Homebaked treats, like cookies and cakes
 - Movie Tickets
 - Amusement Park Passes
 - Houseplants or herb growing kits
 - Durable, long-lasting workshop tools
 - Bird or Bat House
 - Compost Bin
- Decorate with reusable and long-lasting decorations. Tinsel is hard to take off and save. Trees can be recycled, make sure all decorations are removed. (see article on the back)
- Reuse holiday cards as gift tags or postcards.
- Save wrapping materials, gift bags, gift boxes, tissue paper and bows to reuse again next year. It will also save you money!
- Start composting your food waste (fruits and veggies) for a supply of compost for the spring!



How to Grow Fresh Air

Have you ever wondered what to do with your Poinsettias after the holiday season has ended? You could donate your unwanted plant to a classroom. The students could learn to care for the Poinsettia as well as reap the benefits of breathing cleaner air. Plants are a great source for improving indoor air quality by extracting pollutants from the air. The plants roots act as a filtration system that captures air pollutants before they accumulate to make us sick. The foliage supplies oxygen rich air for us to breath better. That means less respiratory infections in the staff and the students, which leads to fewer absences. Please contact a school near you to see if they would be interested in adopting your Poinsettia.



Recycle Your Printer Cartridges!

Printing all those Holiday letters probably leaves you with several empty printer cartridges. You can recycle your cartridges at many local stores that sell new cartridges as well as the following stores:

Cartridge World
Wal-Mart
Office Depot
Pet Smart

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 this year will be Dec. 26 - Jan. 16. Bring your tree to a designated site and it will be turned into mulch that is free to the public.



For details, please call us at (843) 347-1651.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Friday, Nov. 3 - Waccamaw Pow Wow**
9am-3pm - Waccamaw Indian Tribal Grounds,
591 Bluewater Rd, Aynor - Join the SWA to
learn about composting and recycling.
- Saturday, Nov. 4 - Swamp Fest**
10am-3pm - Playcard Environmental Center
Join the SWA to plant a butterfly garden.
- Nov. 6 - 8 - Community Helpers Week**
Horry County Museum - Join the SWA and
other local organizations in promoting help
throughout the community.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 - America Recycles Day**
10am-2pm - Conway Super Walmart - The first
100 people to bring 5 recyclables receives a free
tote bag made from recycled soda bottles.
- Saturday Dec. 9- Conway Christmas Parade**
10am - 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!
- Friday, Jan. 12 - Environmental Scholarship**
Deadline for high school students.

Scholarship Opportunity

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. **Application Deadline: January 12, 2007.**

Are you the next Recycling Student of the Year?

Recycling Student of the Year is a contest 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!" **Application Deadline: March 30, 2007.**

To learn more about the Environmental Scholarships or the Recycling Student of the Year contest, please contact the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Public Education Department at (843) 347-1651 or e-mail: education@solidwasteauthority.org.



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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