

Fall 2025

Recycle This!

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

Food Waste Composting

Did you know that Horry County residents throw away more than 70,000 tons of food scraps each year, making up one quarter of all the garbage collected? To combat this growing problem and to divert food scraps from landfill disposal to the composting facility, the Solid Waste Authority initiated a pilot Food Waste Collection Program at five recycling convenience centers until December 31, 2025 to determine the receptiveness of the residents and feasibility of making this a permanent collection to residents through the County's 25 Recycling Convenience Centers. Food Scraps can be stored in a container with a tight-fitting lid or in the freezer or refrigerator and can be dropped off for free at the Landfill Recycling Center located at 1886 Hwy 90 in Conway, the Carolina Forest Recycling Center located at 800 International Dr. in Myrtle Beach, the Loris Recycling Center located at 1485 Business Hwy 9 East in Loris, the Jackson Bluff Recycling Center located at 175 Jackson Bluff Road in Conway, and the McDowell Shortcut Recycling Center located at 10622 McDowell Shortcut Road in Murrells Inlet. Please bring only acceptable items and help us to prevent contamination, which ensures the final product is free of inorganic materials and is safe to use.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- ✓ **Fruits & Vegetables**
- ✓ **Bread, Dough, Bakery Items, Pasta & Grain**
- ✓ **Coffee Grounds & Tea Filters**
- ✓ **Compostable Liquids** (e.g., water, juices in small amounts)
- ✓ **Cooked Meats, Fish, Bones & Shells***
- ✓ **Dairy Products*** (e.g., milk, cheese, yogurt)
- ✓ **Food-Soiled Paper** (e.g., paper bags, paper towels, napkins, waxed cardboard boxes*)
- ✓ **Processed Foods** (e.g., pizza, cereal, chips, crackers, cookies, cakes, plate scrapings)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ **Raw Meat** (e.g., beef, poultry, pork, seafood)
- ✗ **Plastic Items** (e.g., bags, dishes, utensils, cups, Styrofoam)
- ✗ **Small Items** (e.g., rubber bands, twist ties)
- ✗ **Chemical Cleaners**
- ✗ **Non-Food Items** (e.g., wood, metal, glass, ceramics, pet droppings, yard debris)
- ✗ **Fats, Oils, Grease or Non-Compostable Liquids** (e.g., vegetable oil, lard)



Residents of Horry County should bring lithium batteries to our HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) facility located at 1886 Highway 90, Conway, SC for proper recycling.

Businesses of Horry County should have contracts with licensed haulers to recycle lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries are extremely dangerous if placed in your trash!! They cause fires not only in our landfill but can burn inside a trash compactor if punctured. Improper disposal puts not only our employees in danger, but you as well.

We urge you to RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES, please.



"FALL" INTO GOOD RECYCLING HABITS!

Whether you're sipping warm apple cider, raking leaves, or planning something fun for Halloween, you can do it all with the earth in mind by following these easy tips.

- While many of us opt for those seasonal flavors at coffee shops, try brewing your own coffee or tea at home and avoid any take-out waste altogether.
- If you must grab that warm seasonal beverage, skip a lid, straw or stirrer by letting your server know that you don't need these items.
- Keep single-use cups, lids, and straws out of recycling bins.

Once the leaves have fallen, use them sustainably in a number of ways:

- At home add nutrients to your lawn by mulching leaves into the grass with a lawn mower, or you can collect them for your home compost pile.
- Take them to your local recycling center for them to be recycled into compost. Remember to bring them loose or in a brown paper bag to place in the container labeled Yard Waste. NO PLASTIC BAGS, please.
- Reuse and repurpose items from around the house to make your own decorations, such as using leaves in a scarecrow or other craft projects.

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.

Contact Us!

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Myth Buster: Does it really get recycled?

Those that recycle routinely pay attention. They are the ones that rinse out their bottles and cans, flatten their cardboard boxes and even over-analyze their paper. Thank You!!

However, one of the most discouraging events to have happen is to think your recycling hard work is getting trashed. Some curbside programs in Horry County utilize traditional garbage trucks for their residential curbside program. You may place your recycling into a roll cart (looks like a trash pelican) or into a recycling bin, but the one that picks it up places it into a "garbage" truck that is being used for recycling. The municipalities such as The City of Conway, City of North Myrtle Beach, Town of Surfside, and the City of Myrtle Beach utilize rear loading and sideloading truck for recycling collection. All recycling trucks are able to bring the recyclables to Horry County's Material Recycling Facility (MRF) located at 511 Three R Drive in Conway for processing. There is no fee to drop off recyclables at this location. The recycling collection includes residential curbside programs, our 25 Recycling Convenience Centers, and business recycling collection. For more information or any concerns about your recycling, please contact us at education@solidwasteauthority.org or by calling **843-347-1651**. Please recycle! Recycling helps save landfill space and protects our environment!

SWA has compost, mulch, and glass aggregate for sale!! Call before you come to get it! We sell out quick!! Check out our website for options, prices, and pictures at <https://www.solidwasteauthority.org/residential.html> and share a photo with us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HorryCountySWA>.

