

Recycle This!

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

Fall Environmental Tips

1. Keep Three Bins in the Kitchen: Recycling, Organics, and Trash.
2. Keep Reusable Bags in your Car: Utilize them when shopping.
3. Utilize the Yard Waste Recycling Program: If you have a curbside program or take the yard waste to one of our 24 Recycling Convenience Centers, it gets recycled into compost and mulch. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority sells compost and mulch back to the public for a great price. We do not deliver it, but you can come and get as much as you want.
4. Halloween Costumes: Make your own costume using old clothes and decorations. Head to the thrift store for inspiration. Another good idea is to host a costume swap party!
5. Fall Decorations: Use natural decorations like pumpkins and squash.
6. Thanksgiving Meal: Be conscience not to purchase and cook too much food. This reduces food waste. Reuse cloth napkins as opposed to paper napkins. Aluminum trays and pie pans are recyclable if you clean them first.

Fall in Love with the Waste Hierarchy

Waste Hierarchy ranks waste management options according to what is best for the environment. It gives top priority to preventing waste in the first place. Fall in love with recycling, but do not forget to attempt waste reduction and reusing first.

Waste reduction or source reduction is the practice of preventing waste by decreasing or eliminating the amount of materials initially used. Some examples of waste reduction include purchasing products in bulk quantities rather than single servings, like cereal or coffee. Another example is to use reusable serving utensils and trays instead of disposable items. Avoid creating waste in the first place.

Reuse is the second preferred waste management option after waste reduction. Reuse is the practice of using a material over and over again in its current form. The essence of reuse is that it preserves some or all of the energy and materials that went into making an item. Society has long embraced the practice of reuse by finding alternate uses for an item rather than disposing or recycling it. Some common examples include donating used household items like books, magazines, clothing, kitchen wares, etc. It may also include using empty food containers to store leftovers or reusing plastic grocery sacks to line trash containers or pick up after pets.

There is a sense of pride when recycling because it will indeed become something new, however, waste reduction and reusing are at the top of the waste hierarchy.



Paint A Rock

A fun project to do with kids, students, civic groups, garden clubs, dance clubs, and on a rainy or cold day is paint a rock with an environmentally friendly message. After the paint dries and the sun comes out, go on an adventure of hiding the rocks for others to find. Permanent markers can be utilized as well. Post pictures on Instagram or Facebook before you hide and if you find rocks. Be sure to hashtag (#) your community and or your group. Have fun!



What does Commingled mean?

The word Commingle means the combining of recyclables into a single stream or mixing recyclables. Plastic jugs and bottles, metal cans, glass jars and bottles, newspaper, magazines, and junk mail can all be placed together in the Commingle Container at any of our 24 Recycling Convenience Centers. To locate the one closest to you, check out our website at www.SolidWasteAuthority.org. Municipalities also commingle recyclables in their curbside program. Recyclables are hauled to our Material Recycling Facility (MRF) where they will be separated by commodity (plastic with plastic and paper with paper, etc.) by our single stream source separating equipment. We also have quality control employees ensuring that contamination is reduced or eliminated. Commingling your recyclables will hopefully encourage you to recycle more. We separate it to market it to a vendor to create something new!

You Could Be Caught Green Handed!

The 'Caught Green Handed' recognition is presented monthly to a Horry County resident caught in the act of recycling. It's the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's way of recognizing and thanking citizens who have made the effort to recycle. Through their recycling efforts, natural resources are saved and the amount of waste being landfilled is reduced."

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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Landscaping Materials for Sale at Landfill Location!

Natural Compost and Mulch = \$20.00 per ton
Enhanced Compost = \$30.00 per ton
Red, Brown, or Black Mulch = \$60.00 per ton
Glass Aggregate and Sand = \$5.00 per ton