



**horry  
county**  
SOUTH CAROLINA



# recycling handbook

a guide for residences,  
schools and businesses



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**it's just right to recycle**



reduce | reuse | recycle

## why recycle?

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) wants to show you the positive impact we can make on our environment if every resident recycled just one item every day. Recycling conserves natural resources and helps protect the environment. It saves energy and prevents pollution and reduces the amount of valuable, reusable material that goes to a landfill.

The Horry County SWA is leading the way in solid waste management. It is dedicated to helping Horry County flourish. Education programs promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling options to businesses, schools and the general public. Horry County SWA is committed to making recycling and other environmental practices convenient and easy for residents and businesses. Several programs are in place to help reach these goals. The Horry County SWA is dedicated to "Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today."

The Horry County SWA provides a fully integrated solid waste management plan that includes landfill management, education, recycling and state-of-the-art technology.

The Horry County SWA manages the only municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition (C&D) debris landfills in the county that are located on 700 acres of property on Highway 90 in Conway.

*Horry County SWA's  
Materials Recycling Facility*



Private companies and municipalities are responsible for hauling garbage to the landfill. The amounts accepted vary depending on the season, but the landfill receives an average of 600 trucks daily. The landfill for MSW – better known as household garbage – receives trash from residences, businesses and schools only in Horry County. This landfill is fully lined and monitored daily for environmental quality. This property also includes a C&D landfill that receives material from C&D projects across Horry County.

The Horry County SWA encourages companies to separate their material so it can be diverted from a landfill. Concrete, brick, asphalt and food scraps that are separated will be charged a lower tipping fee – a fee typically charged for disposing of this material – than if the materials are mixed together. These materials will be recycled and/or reused. Per state law, tires, white goods (e.g. large appliances), electronics and yard trimmings must be separated because they cannot go into a landfill.

Horry County residents can increase the lifespan of the landfill by recycling. Before you toss, stop and rethink because every item that is recycled or reused makes a difference. Let the Horry County Solid Waste Authority show you how to start today for all of our tomorrows.

## more to know ...

**C&D Processing Facility** – The Horry County SWA provides businesses with the opportunity to recycle C&D debris at its C&D Processing Facility.

**Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)** – Recyclables collected in Horry County – including plastic, glass, aluminum and metal cans, cardboard, office paper, newspaper and magazines – are processed, sorted and baled for resale at its MRF. This facility accepts recyclables from municipal, business and school recycling programs.

**Public Education** – The Horry County SWA is committed to spreading the word about recycling and waste reduction to the community, civic groups, students, businesses and individuals. Tours of the landfill and recycling operations are a daily activity and are free! Community presentations also are available for free to educate the public about the importance of waste reduction.

**Special Event Recycling Program** – Green your festival or special event by participating in Horry County SWA's Special Event Recycling Program (SERP). This free program can provide temporary, folding recycling containers for use at community events, fairs, festivals, block parties, etc. Only aluminum cans and plastic bottles can be collected in these recycling containers and they are only available for events held within Horry County. SERP is available to municipalities, clubs, schools, churches or other organizations. Recycling containers are available on a first-come, first served basis. For more details, call (843) 347-1651 or email [education@solidwasteauthority.org](mailto:education@solidwasteauthority.org).



# what can be recycled?

Recycling centers are for residents living in the unincorporated areas of Horry County ONLY. Residents are limited to bringing a total of 4 cubic yards of material per day to the centers. For more information, call (843) 347-1651 or visit [SolidWasteAuthority.org](http://SolidWasteAuthority.org).

## ACCEPTED AT RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTERS and by CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAMS:

- **Aluminum and Steel Cans** – Aluminum foil and trays also are accepted as well as empty aerosol cans.
- **Cardboard** – Please empty and flatten.
- **Glass Bottles and Jars** – Please rinse and discard lids.
- **Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs and Unwanted Mail** – Please keep dry.  
**NOTE:** Shred any personal information and place in a clear plastic bag.
- **Paperboard** – This material includes cereal, cracker and shoe boxes. Please keep dry and flatten.
- **Plastic Bottles and Jugs** – Containers marked with a #1 through #7 are accepted. Please rinse.

## ALSO ACCEPTED AT RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTERS:

- **Batteries** – All types are accepted.
- **Cooking Oil**
- **Household Electronics** – Computers, laptops, monitors, printers and televisions are accepted.  
**NOTE:** Erase all data.
- **Scrap Metal**
- **Textiles** – Shoes and clothing
- **Tires**
- **Used Motor Oil and Oil Filters**
- **Yard Waste** – No plastic bags.



## don't recycle these ...

- **Glass Cookware, Ceramics and Mirrors**
- **Paper and Foam Plates, Napkins and Plastic Utensils**
- **Plastic Bags** – Recycle them at most local grocery/retail stores.
- **Styrofoam** – This includes items such as egg cartons, packaging materials and disposable cups and plates.
- **Light Bulbs**
- **Wax-Coated Cardboard** – This includes produce and seafood boxes as well as milk and juice cartons.
- **Rope Like Objects** – Includes water hoses, string lights, extension cords

## household hazardous waste (HHW) facility

Many hazardous products and chemicals require special handling to protect our environment. Horry County SWA has an HHW Facility – located at 1886 Hwy 90, Conway – that accepts these materials from county residents at no charge. **Materials from businesses ARE NOT accepted.**

**The facility is open Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The facility is also open Saturday, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Items accepted include acids, bases, antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, corrosives, drain openers, flammables, fuel, furniture strippers, gasoline, household cleaners, kerosene, lighter fluid, oxidizers, paints and thinners, pesticides, photography chemicals, poisons, pool chemicals, weed killers and wood preservatives.

### **ACCEPTED AT HORRY COUNTY SWA'S HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE FACILITY:**

- **Chemicals** – Keep chemicals in the original, labeled containers. Tighten lids.
- **Cleaners** – Keep household cleaners in the original, labeled containers. Tighten lids.
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**
- **Lithium Batteries**
- **Paint** – Tightly seal lids. There is a 20-gallon per day volume limit for any type of paint brought to the facility by residents for disposal.
- **Propane Tanks**



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# recycling convenience centers

Horry County SWA operates 25 recycling convenience centers for residents living in the unincorporated areas of the County to dispose of their household garbage and to recycle a variety of materials. **No commercial waste is accepted at these recycling convenience centers.** The table on the following page includes the name and hours of operation for each center as well as a telephone number to obtain specific information or driving directions to that location. Per Horry County Ordinance 50-01, residents can dispose of up to a total of four (4) cubic yards of material per day.



**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** – All Horry County Convenience Centers are closed on the following holidays – New Year's Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

# convenience center hours

Centers are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday – ***unless*** noted under **SCHEDULE CHANGES** in the table below.

	CENTER NAME	LOCATION	SCHEDULE CHANGES
1	N. Myrtle Beach (843) 399-4277	Hwy. 90 across from N. Myrtle Beach Middle School (MS)	CLOSED Wednesday
2	Loris (843) 756-2277	Hwy. 9 (2 miles east of Loris near Campbell's Chainsaw)	CLOSED Wednesday
3	Mount Olive (843) 392-1277	Hwy. 9 near Green Sea Floyds High School (HS)	CLOSED Tuesday
4	McDowell Shortcut (843) 651-2771	Off Hwy. 707 between US 17 Bypass and St. James MS (from US 17 Bypass onto Tournament Blvd., first right)	CLOSED Tuesday
5	Aynor (843) 358-3277	About 1/2 mile from Hwy. 319/Bill Jones Rd. intersection in the Cool Spring Community	CLOSED Tuesday; OPEN Thursday, 1-7 p.m.
6	Socastee (843) 903-5792	Off Hwy. 544 west of Intracoastal Waterway (turn on Pine Hollow Rd., right on Leisure Ln., left on Jones Rd., next to substation)	OPEN Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
7	Homewood (843) 365-7338	Hwy. 701 north of Conway in front of the SC Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation	CLOSED Tuesday
8	Landfill (843) 347-1406	Hwy. 90 (4 miles from Conway)	OPEN Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
9	Ketchuptown (843) 392-2277	Near intersection of Hwy. 23 and Lake Swamp Rd.	CLOSED Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10	Recycle Rd. (843) 365-8277	1/4 mile north of Sureway Grocery on Recycle Rd.	CLOSED Wednesday
11	Red Bluff (843) 365-2770	Hwy. 905 near Red Bluff Crossroads next to the Horry County (HC) fire/EMS station	CLOSED Tuesday
12	Jackson Bluff (843) 347-1277	Off Hwy. 544 on Jackson Bluff Rd. across from Grand Strand Water & Sewer Offices	CLOSED Tuesday
13	Longs (843) 399-5277	Hwy. 9 beside Longs Fire Station (FS)	CLOSED Tuesday
14	Kate's Bay Rd. (843) 397-4277	Kate's Bay Hwy. (4 miles south of Conway)	CLOSED Tuesday
15	Browntown (843) 365-6156	Near Sandy Acres Mobile Home Park between Hwy. 501/ Juniper Bay Rd.	CLOSED Wednesday; OPEN Friday, 1-7 p.m.
16	Sarvis (843) 756-5824	Hwy. 45 (2 miles west of Hwy. 701 N. – turn at Allsbrook Grocery Store)	CLOSED Tuesday and Thursday
17	Toddville (843) 397-1449	Hwy. 701 S. (5 miles from the Conway City Limits on Flossie Rd.)	CLOSED Tuesday and Thursday
18	Brooksville (843) 399-6282	Hwy. 111 near the intersection with Hwy. 57 in Brooksville Community	CLOSED Tuesday and Thursday
19	Dorman's Crossroads (843) 365-9048	Near intersection of Adrian Hwy. (Hwy. 97)/Hwy. 19	CLOSED Sunday and Wednesday; OPEN Friday, 1-7 p.m.
20	Bucksport (843) 397-9792	Hwy. 701 S. (near Bucksport FS – 9 miles from Conway City Limits)	CLOSED Sunday and Wednesday; OPEN Friday, 1-7 p.m.
21	Duford (843) 392-9792	Toward the Town of Duford, then right onto Duford Rd. at Wannamaker Church, right on Pinckney Rd. (about 1.3 miles)	CLOSED Sunday, Wednesday and Friday
22	Dog Bluff (843) 358-9792	Jordanville Rd., Aynor (1 mile past Aynor ES)	CLOSED Sunday and Wednesday; OPEN Friday, 1-7 p.m.
23	Scipio Ln. (843) 650-9792	Off Holmestown Rd. (between Hwy. 707 and US 17 Bypass, next to HC South Strand Complex)	CLOSED Thursday
24	Carolina Forest (843) 903-4792	Take International Dr./Grissom Pkwy. and exit off Hwy. 31 (go west about 1 mile, next to the FS)	CLOSED Thursday
25	Lake Arrowhead Rd. (843) 839-4999	Kings Rd. (next door to Lake Arrowhead FS)	CLOSED Monday and Tuesday





# in your neighborhood

## 'The Store' offers used items for great prices

Horry County SWA and the Horry County Council on Aging is proud to provide a way to save money while saving the environment. The Store is a resale outlet offering used items that you can give a second life.



The Store – located at 1874 Highway 90 in Conway – accepts donated items that can be recycled, reconditioned or repurposed for continued use. You'll find everything from household items and furniture to lawn and garden and building supplies. Stop by today and save. Revenue generated supports senior citizen programs such as Meals on Wheels.

The Store is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## landscaping materials for sale

Horry County SWA offers compost, mulch and glass aggregate for sale to residents and businesses for landscaping and gardening purposes. They are sold at the county landfill located at 1886 Highway 90 in Conway and can be purchased 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- **Compost** is made from ground yard trimmings (e.g., leaves, branches, grass) and costs \$22\* per ton. Enhanced compost is made from food waste from food establishments, government agencies and schools and costs \$30\* per ton. Call **(843) 347-1651** to see if compost is available. Quantities are limited.
- **Mulch** is made from ground land-clearing debris (e.g., large branches, stumps, trunks). Three colors are available – all natural mulch costs \$22\* per ton; black, brown and red dyed mulch costs \$70\* per ton. Call **(843) 347-1651** to see if mulch is available. Quantities are limited.
- **Glass Aggregate** is made from ground glass bottles and jars and can be used in art projects, yard projects, driveways, flower beds, fish ponds and other landscaping projects. The aggregate is available in two sizes and costs \$10\* per ton. Call **(843) 347-1651** to see if glass aggregate is available. Quantities are limited.



# recycling at school

The Horry County SWA offers free educational programs and information about recycling for your school. See the list below for programs and contests. Please visit [solidwasteauthority.org/education.html](http://solidwasteauthority.org/education.html) for details about each.



*Bruce Reuse is  
Horry County SWA's  
recycling mascot.*

## EDUCATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

- **Free Field Trips and Presentations** – See the landfill and recycling facilities. Learn the importance of waste reduction and recycling. If you cannot come on a field trip, a presenter can come to your classroom.
- **Classroom Recycling** – This program ensures that every classroom has a bin for commingled recycling.
- **Cafeteria Recycling** – This program helps school cafeterias to recycle paper, cardboard, metal cans, and plastic jugs and bottles.

## CONTESTS AND GRANTS

### *For Elementary Schools ...*

- **Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest** – Fourth graders in elementary schools across Horry County can compete against each other. Each school's overall recycling efforts and environmental challenges are evaluated to determine the winners. Winning schools receive monthly prizes, media recognition and the chance for a grand finale field trip.

### *For Middle Schools ...*

- **POP Art Contest** – Students create a piece of art made from trash or recyclables – like Styrofoam, plastic bags, CDs, etc. The winning piece of artwork receives a plaque, prize and media recognition. For details on applying, please visit [solidwasteauthority.org/popart.html](http://solidwasteauthority.org/popart.html).

### *For High Schools ...*

- **Environmental Scholarship** – One senior from each Horry County high school has an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. One senior from every Horry County high school has an opportunity to win. For scholarship applications, visit [SolidWasteAuthority.org/scholarship.html](http://SolidWasteAuthority.org/scholarship.html).

### *All Horry County Schools ...*

- **Recycling Student of the Year** – Tell us your recycling success story. This student will receive a plaque and prize. For details on applying, please visit [solidwasteauthority.org/studentoftheyear.html](http://solidwasteauthority.org/studentoftheyear.html).
- **Environmental Education Grant** – Teachers can apply for a grant up to \$250 for an environmental education project. For details and to apply, please visit [solidwasteauthority.org/education.html](http://solidwasteauthority.org/education.html).
- **Compost, Glass Aggregate and Mulch** – Horry County Schools can receive up to 25 tons of compost, glass aggregate and mulch for free. Email [education@solidwasteauthority.org](mailto:education@solidwasteauthority.org) to apply.



# business recycling programs

## horry county programs

### **Cardboard & Commingle Recycling Program –**

Eliminating cardboard from your garbage saves landfill space, reduces the amount of trash you have to pay to be removed, and improves your bottom line. Reduce your garbage collection by recycling.

Your company can lease an 8-yard recycling container from Horry County SWA.

Material collected in this program includes corrugated cardboard and paperboard (also called boxboard) such as cereal, cracker, shoe, gift, and cookie boxes. Please remove packaging and flatten boxes. Commingle, such as plastic jugs and bottles, metal cans, newspaper, magazines, and paper can also be recycled with this program.

To participate in this program, call (843-347-1651 or email [education@solidwasteauthority.org](mailto:education@solidwasteauthority.org) to schedule a free waste assessment.



**8-Yard Recycling Container**  
available for lease by Horry County SWA

# sample waste audit

A waste audit helps your company determine the amount of waste generated and examine current waste management practices and costs. The information collected from this audit can be invaluable when developing a waste reduction and recycling plan. These steps are used when Horry County SWA conducts an audit at your facility, but some can be conducted by your staff beforehand.



## STEP 1: EXAMINE YOUR CURRENT PLAN.

- **Look at your current waste hauler's records.** Find out how much waste is being removed from your facility on a weekly or monthly basis. Also determine the cost per container.
- **Review purchasing records.** This will help you see what and how much material is brought into your facility.
- **Check production records.** There may be opportunities for a manufacturing business to reduce waste by avoiding overruns.

## STEP 2: ORGANIZE AN AUDIT TEAM.

- **Consider involving members from all areas of the facility.** Someone in the maintenance department may know the operations in a certain area better than someone working in human resources. A team of three or four is usually enough for a small- to medium-sized facility.

## STEP 3: BEGIN THE AUDIT.

- **See what you dispose of.** Collect all waste generated in a single day or select an otherwise representative sample (totaling about 50 lbs.) from various collection containers (e.g., dumpsters and recycling containers). If large quantities of waste will be sorted, a large, flat area such as a parking area works well. Use large indoor rooms for smaller waste sorts.
- **Obtain building management approval and work with them to conduct the waste audit.** Decide when it will cause the least disruption – typically after work hours.
- **Record the type of material found and calculate percentages by material type for the waste stream.** Properly manage material once all of it has been recorded or weighed. Recycle as much as possible.

## ANOTHER OPTION: THE VISUAL AUDIT

If time is limited, another option is to perform visual audits in conjunction with a walk-through of each area. Visual audits usually involve looking into trash receptacles and estimating the amounts and types of waste generated in various areas around the facility.

# what to recycle

You can recycle the following items in your curbside recycling program or at Horry County Recycling Centers.

## CURBSIDE & RECYCLING CENTERS



Newspaper  
& Inserts



Notebook &  
Computer Paper



Cardboard Boxes  
(empty & flatten)



Cereal & Snack Boxes  
(empty & flatten)



Glass Bottles,  
Jugs & Jars



Phone Books  
(recycle covers with cardboard)



Junk Mail  
(shred personal information)



Magazines



Plastic Jugs & Bottles  
(No.1 through No.7  
– No Styrofoam)



Metal Cans  
(aluminum foil, trays,  
steel & aerosol)

## RECYCLING CENTERS ONLY



Used Motor Oil



Motor Oil Filters



Motor Oil Bottles



Large Appliances



Tires



Batteries  
(all types)



Electronics  
(erase all data)



Yard Trimmings  
(no plastic bags)



Scrap Metal



Cooking Oil

**NOTE:** The following items **ARE NOT ACCEPTED** for recycling curbside or at recycling centers: plastic bags (recycle at local grocery stores); glass cookware, dishes or ceramics; any Styrofoam; paper plates, napkins, plasticware or silverware; light bulbs; mirrors, wrapping paper; wax cardboard or rope like objects, such as water hoses, string lights or extension cords.

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