



HORRY COUNTY COMPOSTS PILOT PROGRAM

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority is offering a pilot program to residents for food waste to be recycled into a valuable product – compost. Composting is the slow, natural decomposition of organics such as food waste. Microorganisms break down this material into a nutrient-rich amendment that can be used to naturally replenish soils.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: STEP-BY-STEP

1 COLLECT food waste in a reusable container with a tight-fitting lid.

Use your freezer to store food waste for longer periods between drop-offs.

2 TAKE your food waste to one of the four Horry County Recycling Centers.

These centers are listed on the back of this flyer with their locations and hours of operation. You can drop off your compostables as often as you like, but once a week is recommended.

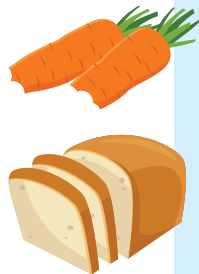
3 TAKE the container home, RINSE and REPEAT!

Horry County residents throw away more than 70,000 tons of food waste annually. Composting reduces the amount of food going to the landfill. Learn more at solidwasteauthority.org/foodwaste.html or des.sc.gov/compost.



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)



COMPOSTING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Horry County Landfill Recycling Center

1886 Hwy. 90, Conway

OPEN Saturday and Sunday from 7 AM to 7 PM

Loris Recycling Center

1485 Business Hwy. 9 East, Loris

OPEN Sunday from 1PM to 7PM, Monday through Tuesday from 7AM to 7PM and Thursday through Saturday from 7AM to 7PM

OPENING JANUARY 2025

Jackson Bluff Recycling Center

175 Jackson Bluff Rd., Conway

OPEN Sunday from 1PM to 7PM, Monday and Wednesday through Saturday from 7AM to 7PM

Carolina Forest Recycling Center

800 International Dr., Myrtle Beach

OPEN Sunday from 1 PM to 7 PM, Monday through Wednesday and Friday through Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM

McDowell Shortcut Recycling Center

10622 McDowell Shortcut Rd., Murrells Inlet

OPEN Sunday from 1PM to 7PM, Monday and Wednesday through Saturday from 7AM to 7PM

PREVENT CONTAMINATION!

Placing items that are not accepted – called contamination – into the food waste carts may result in the disposal of all of the material in the cart – wasting money, natural resources and time.

Preventing contamination ensures the final product is free of inorganic material and is safe to use.

Please don't trash recycling. Follow the rules (see **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** on the front of this publication). Know what goes in and what stays out.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

HCSWA solidwasteauthority.org/foodwaste.html

Backyard Composting des.sc.gov/compost

Don't Waste Food SC des.sc.gov/dwfsc

DHEC's Recycling Office des.sc.gov/recycle

Food Waste Reduction..... des.sc.gov/dwfsc

SMART Recycling smartrecyclingus.com

PREVENT FOOD WASTE!

Consider food donation before you compost.

Food is the No.1 item Americans throw away. Each year up to 40 percent of the nation's food supply is never consumed. More than 44 million Americans are food insecure and one in 10 South Carolinians face hunger.

Don't Waste Food SC provides tips for preventing food waste and donation options.

Visit des.sc.gov/dwfsc for more information.



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