

SPRING 2024

Recycle This!

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

POP Art Winners

North Myrtle Beach Middle School students know how to turn trash into treasure. The school submitted an entry to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's the nineteenth annual POP (Protect Our Planet) Art Recycling Contest. Sixth grader Stella Prince and friend, Barrett Turecki, created a bottle cap watermelon, entitled "Sweet as Watermelon", which was selected as the grand prize winner in the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's POP Art Contest.

As grand prizewinner, Stella received an electronic reading device, a medal and a prize pack of recycled-content items including school supplies.

The contest is designed to promote environmental awareness and highlight the creative talents of students.

The students were required to create a work of art using at least 70% of a specified material chosen by the Solid Waste Authority. This year's material was bottle caps.

"Sweet as Watermelon" will be on display through April 2024 at the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, located at 1886 Highway 90, Conway.



Recycling Student of the Year: The Horry County Solid Waste Authority's (SWA) Recycling Student of the Year is a one-time honor and may be any student in grades K-12. This year's recipient is a student at Green Sea Floyds Elementary School (GSFE). Kaislee Blanton is a fourth grader that is passionate about our environment, and she even started the recycling club at GSFE. Kaislee is a voice for recycling to all she meets and teaches others how to recycle right! She petitioned her principal to start food waste composting at school. As our 2024 Recycling Student of the Year, Kaislee received an electronic reading device, a medal and a prize pack of recycled-content items including school supplies.

Environmental Scholarship Recipients

We are so pleased to announce the 2024 recipients of the Environmental Scholarship. Every year the Horry County Solid Waste Authority awards one graduating high school senior from each high school a \$1,000.00 scholarship to those interested in pursuing a degree related to our environment. Please help us congratulate these ten Horry County Seniors!

Kaylee Fletcher * Aynor High School

Aubrey Myers * Carolina Forest High School

Wilson Harry * Conway High School

Rebekah Kolling * Green Sea Floyds High School

Karley Hand * Loris High School

Robert Wilkes * Myrtle Beach High School

Tylor Stanley * North Myrtle Beach High School

Reese Palmer * Saint James High School

Whitney Argabrite * Socastee High School

Mackinley Stevens * SWA Employee Child

Waste and Recycling Workers Week

is a great time to show your appreciation by thanking those who serve our communities. Throughout the week of June 17th, join us in thanking your garbage collection providers and all those who work in the waste industry field. Encourage your community to join the Waste and Recycling Workers Week Celebration by inviting friends and neighbors to show their appreciation. It doesn't take much. Taking the time to simply say "Thanks" goes a long way.

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Don't Waste Food Horry County

Beginning in December 2022, the Horry County Solid Waste Authority initiated a pilot Food Waste Collection program at the Landfill Recycling Convenience Center located at 1886 Highway 90, Conway, SC. During this pilot program residents can bring food scraps to the recycling centers located at the Landfill, Carolina Forest, Loris, and McDowell Shortcut for FREE. These scraps are then sent to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority (HCSWA) Compost Facility to be recycled into compost. The purpose of the pilot program is to divert food scraps from landfill disposal to the composting facility and to determine the receptiveness and feasibility of offering food scrap collection to residents through the County's 25 Recycling Convenience Centers. Compost cuts down on trash and expenses and saves landfill space. Horry County residents throw away more than 70,000 tons of food scraps each year, making up one quarter of all the garbage collected. Food waste recycling helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and protects our air and water from pollution to fight climate change. Composting nourishes soil, increases stormwater absorption, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, makes plants healthier, and can be used without harming wildlife or ecosystem health.

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)

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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