

WINTER 2025

'Tis the season to recycle

RECYCLE THIS!

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

GIVE THE GIFT OF RECYCLING SMART.

RECYCLE



- ✓ Brown kraft wrapping paper
- ✓ Cardboard boxes
- ✓ Thin gift boxes
- ✓ Wine and champagne bottles (no corks)
- ✓ Paper greeting cards with no glitter, foil, metallic ink, etc.

REUSE



- ✓ Bows and ribbons
 - ✓ Tissue paper
 - ✓ String/fairy lights*
 - ✓ Plastic garlands and wreaths*
 - ✓ Gift bags
 - ✓ Wrapping paper
- *Can also be donated.

TRASH



- Decorations and wreaths
- Wrapping paper
- Confetti, shredded paper
- Tissue paper
- Styrofoam (all kinds)
- Tinsel
- Cellophane

Holiday Recycling Tips & Gift Ideas to Reduce Waste

Americans throw away 25% more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Below are a few gift ideas to reduce waste during the holidays this year.

- ☻ Gift cards to restaurants, shops, and or movies.
- ☻ Home baked treats, like cookies and cakes.
- ☻ Amusement park passes.
- ☻ Houseplants or herb growing kits.
- ☻ Durable, long-lasting workshop tools.
- ☻ Bird or Bat House.
- ☻ Decorate with reusable and long-lasting decorations.
- ☻ Trees can be recycled, make sure all decorations are removed.
- ☻ Reuse holiday cards as gift tags or postcards.
- ☻ Save wrapping materials, gift bags, gift boxes, tissue paper and bows to reuse again next year. It will also save you money!
- ☻ Start composting your food waste (fruits and veggies) for a supply of compost for the spring!

Grinding of the Greens

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority encourages you to take one extra step to make the holidays green and bright, recycle your natural Christmas tree after the season. Simply remove all lights, decorations (including tinsel) and the tree stand. Then, bring your undecorated tree to a designated area to be chipped and recycled into free landscaping mulch from December 26 - January 29. The mulch will be available in February to all citizens while supplies last. Bring your own container to collect the mulch. To find your designated Christmas tree drop off site, visit www.SolidWasteAuthority.org or call 843-347-1651. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority hopes you make a resolution to recycle and wishes everyone a Safe and Happy New Year!



We CAN NOT Recycle:

- ✗ Artificial trees
- ✗ Wrapping paper, bags, bows, tissue paper, ribbons
- ✗ Garland
- ✗ Styrofoam peanuts or packaging
- ✗ Plastic utensils, straws, and plates
- ✗ Ornaments
- ✗ String lights or any rope like items
- ✗ Tinsel
- ✗ Plastic bags or packing bubbles



SOUTH CAROLINA OYSTER RECYCLING & ENHANCEMENT



We are in the perfect season to enjoy fresh oysters with friends and family and to give back to our coast by recycling your oyster shell. Oyster shell recycling plays a crucial role in maintaining healthy coastal ecosystems. In Horry County, several initiatives encourage residents and businesses to participate in this important environmental effort.

Why Recycle Oyster Shells?

Recycling oyster shells helps:

- **Restore Oyster Reefs:** Recycled shells provide a foundation for new oysters to grow.
- **Improve Water Quality:** Oysters filter water, removing pollutants and enhancing water clarity.
- **Protect Shorelines:** Oyster reefs act as natural barriers against erosion and storm surges.
- **Reduce Landfill Waste:** Each recycled shell keeps valuable material out of landfills, promoting a cleaner and more sustainable community.

Drop-Off Locations in Horry County

Residents can drop off oyster shells at the following locations:

- **Myrtle Beach:** 1860 21st Ave N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
- **North Myrtle Beach:** 559 Sea Mountain Hwy, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582
- **Conway:** 1886 Highway 90, Conway, SC 29526 (SWA Landfill)

These bins are part of a collaborative effort between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and local organizations to enhance oyster restoration projects along the Grand Strand.

How to Participate

1. **Collect Shells:** After your oyster roast, collect the shells.
2. **Drop Off:** Place the shells at one of the drop-off locations.

By participating, you contribute to the restoration of oyster reefs, improve coastal water quality, and help reduce landfill waste.



Visit The Store! *The Store* is a resale outlet offering gently used items that you can give a second life. *The Store* accepts donated items that can be recycled, reconditioned, and or repurposed for continued use. Proceeds from The Store aide Horry County Council on Aging. The Store is located at 1874 Highway 90, Conway, SC. Phone: 843-347-4244 Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9a-4p; Saturday, 9a-1p

10 Easy Actions to Reduce Food Waste

1. Plan meals for the week. Make a list of what you need.
2. Shop at home before going to the grocery store and stick to the list.
3. When returning home from the grocery store, place the newer items behind the older items. This food storage method helps avoid spoilage and ensure that older items are used and not wasted.
4. Organize the refrigerator. Understand the sections of your fridge and how they are designed to keep food fresh longer. Did you know the bottom shelf is the coldest? Or not to store milk and eggs in the door?
5. Prep and store food. When you get home from the store, wash, dry, chop, dice, slice and place your fresh food in clear storage containers for snacks and easy cooking.
6. Freeze food that cannot be eaten immediately.
7. Don't misinterpret date labels on food that is fine to eat.
8. Leftovers are building blocks for additional meals.
9. Share extra food. Prepare a meal for a neighbor or donate safe unwanted food to a foodbank.

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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