# Recycle This!

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



# Meet Your Recycling Coordinators!

Victoria Johnson & Kendra Dickerson love to help Horry County School's recycling programs! Find out below which coordinator is your liaison for all your recycling needs!

# Victoria Johnson

AAS&T

Black Water Middle Conway Elementary

Conway Middle

Conway High

Daisy Elementary

Green Sea Floyds Elementary

Green Sea Floyds Middle / High

Homewood Elementary

Horry Education Center & TLC

Kingston Elementary

Loris Elementary

Loris Middle

Loris High

Midland Elementary

Myrtle Beach Primary

Myrtle Beach Early Childhood

Myrtle Beach Elementary

Myrtle Beach Middle

Myrtle Beach High

North Myrtle Beach MiddleNorth Myrtle Beach High

Ocean Drive Elementary

Riverside Elementary

S.O.A.R. Academy

Waccamaw Elementary

Waterway Elementary

Whittemore Park Middle

## **Kendra Dickerson**

ATA

Aynor Elementary

Aynor Middle

Aynor High

Burgess Elementary

Carolina Forest Elementary

Carolina Forest High

Early College High

Forestbrook Elementary

Forestbrook Middle

Lakewood Elementary

Ocean Bay Elementary

Ocean Bay Middle

Palmetto Bays Elementary

Pine Island Elementary

Pee Dee Elementary

River Oaks Elementary

Seaside Elementary

Scholars Academy

Socastee Elementary

Socastee High

South Conway Elementary

St. James Elementary

St. James Middle

St. James Intermediate

St. James High

Ten Oaks Elementary

Ten Oaks Middle

# GROOVY STUFF & CONTESTS

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority (HCSWA) offers the following **free** educational programs, services and contests about recycling and waste reduction for your school and students.

#### Free Field Trips and Presentations

Learn the importance of waste reduction and recycling. Tour the landfill and recycling facilities. The HCSWA will reimburse your school for fuel charges and if needed, substitutes! Email <u>education@SolidWasteAuthority.org</u> to schedule your 2025-2026 field trip today!

#### **Environmental Grant**

Grants up to \$250.00 are available for Horry County Schools with qualified Environmental Projects. Apply online www.SolidWasteAuthority.org.

# **General Recycling Programs**

**Classroom Recycling** – Every classroom has been issued a recycling bin for commingle recycling.

**Cafeteria Recycling** – School cafeterias recycle cardboard, aluminum, tin, and plastic containers.

### **Elementary School**

Talkin' Trash Recycling Contest – Fourth grade classes compete against other elementary schools in Horry County to recycle the most classroom paper, newspaper, plastic containers, metal cans and food waste. Winning schools receive monthly prizes, media recognition and chance for a grand finale field trip. Check online to see the schedule and to ensure your school is participating! <a href="https://www.SolidWasteAuthority.org">www.SolidWasteAuthority.org</a>

#### Middle School

**POP Art Contest** – Students create artwork made from used **CAN TABS**. The student of the winning piece of artwork receives plaque, an electronic reading device, and recycled content prize pack.

Deadline – October 31, 2025

#### **High School**

Environmental Scholarship – One senior from every Horry County high school has an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline – February 6, 2026

# **All of Horry County Schools**

**Recycling Student of the Year** – Winner receives a plaque & an electronic reading device! We want to know your recycling story!

Deadline - March 6, 2026

**WE WANT TO KNOW** – Tell us your programs that your school has initiated to improve the environment!

# Make Your School Event a **Green** One!

Recycling in Horry County occurs at home, at work and at school. But it doesn't stop there. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) offers a Special Event Recycling Program (SERP) designed for use at science nights, sporting events, field days, school / community events, fairs, festivals and block parties. The SWA Special Event Recycling Program (SERP) contains recycling containers to fit your needs. Use of the equipment is restricted to recycling bottles and cans at events held within Horry County, South Carolina. The SERP is available to lease at no-cost to municipalities, clubs, schools, churches or other organizations on a first-come, first serve basis. Booking should be made at least 3 weeks before event date, if possible. Upon approval, a SWA representative will contact you to schedule an appointment and the user must arrange drop-off location/time for SWA to deliver containers to event representative and subsequently pick-up the containers after the event has ended. Incorporating recycling into your event requires some proactive planning, but by targeting your materials and knowing your recycling options, you CAN have an easy to manage recycling program at your special event. Recycling will help reduce waste, enhance your public image and keep your event clean. Special events are those places where people can go participate in organized fun! Ranging in size from small gatherings to multiday events that attract hundreds or thousands of people, events can generate a large amount of waste. Because events are typically held in moderately controlled environments, there is a great opportunity to recover significant amounts of waste for recycling.





The Special Event Recycling Program trailer is famous! If you spot it, post a pic on the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Facebook page for a prize! https://www.facebook.com/HorryCountySWA

REMEMBER SCHOOLS CAN RECYCLE FOOD WASTE TO TURN INTO COMPOST! CONTACT **FACILITIES** HCS **REQUEST YOUR BIN!** 





Fun Recycling Opportunities for Schools

Not only can schools recycle with us, recycling other materials through various businesses is also an option. Staples is making it easier for customers to recycle various school supplies, including backpacks, Crayons, calculators, through their in-store recycling program. Barcel USA's Takis brand is teaming with TerraCycle to launch Takis Snacks Free Recycling Challenge. The program encourages students, teachers, and communities to recycle Takis packaging with a chance to win prizes. TerraCycle also accepts markers, highlighters, and pencils! Crayola Colorcycle accepts all brands of crayons for recycling. Toner and ink jet cartridges can be recycled with FundingFactory.com to earn money for school programs. Schools in South Carolina can participate in a statewide battery recycling program launched by Redwood Materials in partnership with Take Action SC and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES). This program educates students about the importance of recycling lithium-ion batteries and provides a free collection system for schools. Schools can also participate in battery recycling initiatives through Wastebuster's 'Recycle to Read" program, which exchanges recycled batteries for books. Google any of these programs for more information.

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.

#### Contact Us!

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