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Recycle This!

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

EARTH DAY: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! EVERY YEAR ON APRIL 22ND, WE CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, A DAY THAT IS CELEBRATED GLOBALLY TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. RECYCLE, PLANT A TREE, RIDE YOUR BIKE, GO FOR A WALK & PICKING UP LITTER ARE JUST A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE EARTH DAY EVERY DAY!

Are You Good to Grow?

You will be after attending our SMART GARDENER WORKSHOP. Discover ways to improve your gardening skills, save water in your garden, identify soils and plants, and compost at home. And, best of all, it's FREE (including lunch!). The workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 3 and will be conducted at the Horry County Solid Waste Authority Administrative Complex on Highway 90, outside of Conway. Look for our advertisement in your local paper, our website, and our Facebook Page to register for the SMART GARDENER WORKSHOP.

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.

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 landfill recycling center 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 for healthier parks and gardens and increases stormwater absorption capacity, protecting against flooding. Composting reduces the need for expensive and polluting 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)



Horry County Solid Waste Authority offers compost, mulch, and glass aggregate for sale to residents and businesses for landscaping and gardening purposes. The material is sold at the county landfill located at 1886 Highway 90 in Conway. The Solid Waste Authority does not deliver. The facility is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Compost - made from ground yard trimmings (e.g., leaves, branches, grass) and costs \$20 per ton. Enhanced Compost, which has added nutrients from food scraps, is also available for \$30 per ton.
- Natural Mulch - made from ground land-clearing debris (e.g., large branches, stumps, trunks) - is available for \$20 per ton. This mulch is an all-natural product. No chemicals or dyes are added. Colored mulch - red, brown, and black - is also available for \$60 per ton.
- Glass Aggregate - made from ground glass bottles and jars can be used in art projects, yard projects, driveways, flower beds, fishponds, and other landscaping projects. The aggregate is available in two sizes and costs \$5 per ton. One size is a "sand" and the other size is similar to small pebbles.

Please call [\(843\) 347-1651](tel:843-347-1651) to ask if compost is available. Quantities are limited and the supply runs out quickly.



Backyard Composting

You can create garden-rich compost in your backyard using grass clippings, leaves, and kitchen food scraps (fruits & vegetables). The Horry County Solid Waste Authority has compost bins available for \$62.00 each. The bins are made by Earth Machine and have a 65-gallon capacity. Compostable material is added through the top and an access door on the bottom allow finished compost to be easily removed. You can pick one up yours by visiting the Horry County Solid Waste Authority located at 1886 Hwy 90 in Conway.

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. It is celebrated nationwide and in other countries each year during the first full week of May. The goal of ICAW is to work together to raise public awareness on why we all should be composting our organics recycling and using compost. The program includes poster and video contests in the fall and activities and events held during the week in May. Throughout the week of ICAW, community, school, government, and business events are held to encourage and celebrate composting - all types of composting – from backyard to large-scale. For more information, visit www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home

You Could Be Caught Green Handed!

The 'Caught Green Handed' recognition is presented monthly to a Horry County resident caught in the act of recycling. It's the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's way of recognizing and thanking citizens who have made the effort to recycle. Through their recycling efforts, natural resources are saved, and the amount of waste being landfilled is reduced."

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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