



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

RecycleMoreSC & RecycleRightSC

March 18-21, 2019 CRA's 29th Annual Conference & Trade Show

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**Recycling
is easy.**

It isn't.

**Recycling is a loosely connected,
highly dependent network
riddled with inefficiencies
and issues.**

Recycling is working in South Carolina.

But like other states, it faces challenges including:

- **Complacency**
- **Confusion**
- **Costs**
- **Contamination**



Contamination

Contamination has increased costs for local government programs.

- **It has reduced value of commodities for local governments.**
- **Processors are charging more.**



About 10 local governments have expressed concerns about maintaining their recycling programs. One municipal program has closed.

**This is an
opportunity to
clean up our act.**

Overcoming Obstacles

We can overcome the obstacles with:

- **Commitment**
- **Communication**
- **Collaboration**



What is DHEC doing?

- **Technical assistance, grant funding and outreach**
- **Workshops** to be held in conjunction with CRA and The Recycling Partnership
- **RecycleRightSC Campaign** designed to draw attention to the issue
- **Working with processors**
- **Social media presence/YouTube**
- **Recommending a return to basics**

Rethink. Review. Reboot.

**Local governments should not
accept things they cannot
market.**

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DHEC is encouraging focusing the message on:

- **Aluminum and steel cans;**
- **Paper** (particularly cardboard); and
- **Plastic**

Every program accepts these items. Beyond that, check.



Grant Funding

- For FY 2020, the Office plans to make available **about \$1.3 million in recycling funds** for schools, colleges and local governments.
- Priority funding will go to **proposals designed to increase the MSW recycling rate**, and to projects that support the **Don't Waste Food SC** and **RecycleMoreSC** programs.



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RecycleHereSC

Where can you recycle in your community? What can be recycled? Who can you call for more information? For answers to these questions and more, select your county from the lineup below.

A	B	C	D	E
Abbeville	Bamberg	Calhoun	Darlington	Edgefield
Aiken	Barnwell	Charleston	Dillon	
Allendale	Beaufort	Cherokee	Dorchester	
Anderson	Berkeley	Chester		
		Chesterfield		
		Clarendon		
		Colleton		
F	G	H	J	K
Fairfield	Georgetown	Hampton	Jasper	Kershaw
Florence	Greenville	Horry		
	Greenwood			
L	M	N	O	P
Lancaster	Marion	Newberry	Oconee	Pickens
Laurens	Marlboro		Orangeburg	
Lee	McCormick			
Lexington				
R	S	U	W	Y
Richland	Saluda	Union	Williamsburg	York
	Spartanburg			
	Sumter			

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We're all in this together.

- Local governments should meet with **appropriate stakeholders** (e.g., MRFs) **to assess contamination rates.**
- Processors should keep local governments informed in a timely manner **of changes of items accepted and market fluctuations.**

We're all in this together.

DHEC will continue to provide **technical assistance and outreach material** to help local governments reduce contamination.



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KEEP THEM
LOOSE
in your recycling
roll cart!



**DO NOT
BAG
RECYCLABLES!**

If you collect your recycled items in a bag, empty
the contents into the recycling cart. **Recycle smart!**

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recycling's
dirty dozen 12

NEVER place these 12 ITEMS in a recycling bin or cart

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A 40BY2020 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- NO Plastic Bags**
Plastic bags are a **SERIOUS** contaminant and jam sorting machines at recycling facilities. Plastic bags with a #2 that are clean, dry and empty may be recycled at participating grocery stores.
- NO Plastic Bags with Recyclables**
Workers have to sort through these bags to find recyclables.
- NO Non-recyclable Plastics**
Loose plastic lids, Styrofoam® and other plastic may not be recyclable where you live. Check with your local recycling program.
- NO Caps/Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars**
Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin or cart. Throw away plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars.
- NO Liquids or Food**
When bottles are compacted for shipping, liquids drip and splatter, creating a sticky, smelly mess. Empty and quickly rinse all containers before recycling.
- NO Non-recyclable Glass**
Glassware, ceramics, Pyrex baking dishes, light bulbs, fluorescent lamps, window glass of glass often are treated with chemicals and have different melting points than traditional container glass (e.g., bottles and jars).
- NO Rope-like Items**
Water hoses, holiday lights, leather belts, etc., should not go in curbside bins or Holiday lights can be recycled at some scrap metal dealers.
- NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste**
Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products **ARE NOT** recyclable and pose a risk to workers. Visit www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/DisposingofNeedles/ to learn how to properly dispose of syringes and needles.



www.scdhec.gov/recycleheresc to see what is recycled where you live.

40BY2020 PARTNERSHIP

The 40by2020 Partnership is a group of public and private stakeholders dedicated to sharing knowledge, coordinating resources and working together to help South Carolina meet or exceed its 40 percent recycling goal set for 2020. Partnership members include PalmettoFlorida, Pratt Industries, Canosa Recycling, the S.C. Beverage Association, the S.C. Department of Commerce and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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Questions? Visit www.columbiasc.net/solid-waste



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PARTNERSHIP

MAIA
STREET DISTRICT

Place your recycling cart out for pick up **by 7:00 a.m.** on your scheduled collection day.

City of Conway RECYCLING GUIDELINES

For more information, call **(843) 248-1730**
or visit **www.cityofconway.com**.



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Place only these APPROVED ITEMS in the recycling cart.



Empty Metal and
Aluminum Cans



Paperboard

Flat Corrugated
Cardboard



Paper



Glass



Plastic

YES

DO NOT place these items
in the recycling cart.



NONE OF THE FOLLOWING!

Garbage, Food, Plastic Bags,
Yard Trimmings, Hazardous Waste,
Hardback Books, Hand Towels,
Tissue/Toilet Paper, Plastic-Coated
Paper or Styrofoam

ONLY RECYCLABLES GOES IN THIS CART.

NOTE: If this recycling cart is used for over
flow garbage or other unauthorized waste,
the City of Conway will pick up the cart and
discontinue your recycling service.

NO

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THIS



NOT THIS

QUESTIONS?

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