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Charleston County Continues Hands-On Approach to Combat Recycling Contamination

Environmental Management staff will be flipping cart lids at the curb to ensure citizens are "Recycling Right"

Charleston County Environmental Management is continuing efforts to combat non-recyclable material found in the County's recycling program. Beginning October 11, 2021, staff will be checking curbside recycling carts for contaminated material. Carts with non-compliant contents will receive an "Oops" tag with educational information.

Non-recyclables frequently found in recycling carts include plastic bags and plastic wrap, food waste, wood, concrete, Styrofoam, clothing, blankets, tangles (e.g., cables, cords, hoses, belts, etc.), large plastic items and household garbage. Non-recyclable contamination damages equipment, poses worker safety issues, and increases the cost of recycling.

The County recycling program only accepts glass bottles/jars, aluminum/steel cans, plastic bottles/containers, cartons, paperboard/cardboard, and paper. Do not leave material outside of your cart. Flatten all cardboard boxes and cut them to size, if necessary. Residents can drop off overflow recyclable material at any Charleston County [drop site locations](#).

For more information on how to "Recycle Right," please visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org.

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to assist with recycling education or to become a neighborhood captain, please reach out to LaMonica Smalls LRSmalls@charlestoncounty.org.

Staff will focus on communities throughout Charleston County, including but not limited to:

Dills Bluff Road Area, James Island

Mon. October 11
Mon. October 25
Mon. November 8

Dunmovin/Brownwood Areas, Johns Island

Tues. October 12
Tues. October 26
Tues. November 9

Hollywood

Wed. October 13
Wed. October 27
Wed. November 10

Ferndale/The Waylyn/E. Surrey Area, North Charleston

Thurs. October 14
Thurs. October 28
Fri. November 12

Dunes West, Mt. Pleasant

Mon. October 18
Mon. November 1
Mon. November 15

Forest Hills/Woodside Manor, North Charleston

Tues. October 19
Tues. November 2
Tues. November 16

Red Top, West Ashley

Wed. October 20
Wed. November 3
Wed. November 17

Old Village, Mt. Pleasant

Thurs. October 21
Thurs. November 4
Thurs. November 18

****Dates are subject to change due to weather and staffing availability.****

For more information on recycling, contact the Charleston County Environmental Management Department at (843)720-7111 or visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org.

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