

**NEW AT THE
CONVENIENCE SITES!**

Separate your plastic, glass
and metal items.
Look for the new
containers.



recycling guide

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what is recycling?

Recycling is placing items that can be made into new products or materials in the recycling bin or taking them to a convenience site. But, there's a little more to it than that.

Recycling is a three-step process. The first step is collection – that's when you put your recyclables into the bin or take them to a convenience site. The second step is manufacturing – when the recyclables are processed into raw materials that are then manufactured into new products. The third step is buying recycled. You are not really recycling unless you are buying recycled-content products.

You have seen the recycling symbol , right? The three arrows represent steps that complete the recycling loop.

why should I recycle?

Recycling has many environmental benefits. It reduces the need to build landfills and incinerators. Recycling conserves natural resources as well as energy. Recycling reduces pollution caused by the extraction and processing of raw materials as well as the manufacturing of products using raw materials.

Recycling also has many economic benefits. First, recycling turns items that otherwise would become waste into valuable resources. Recyclables have value. The recyclables you place in the bin or take to the drop-off center end up on the market as commodities that are bought and sold.

And recycling is big business in South Carolina.

According to the 2014 "S.C. Recycling Industry Economic Impact Study," there are more than 520 recycling-related companies in South Carolina. There are 22,403 jobs attributed to recycling – with a total economic impact of 54,121 jobs in the state. And more jobs are on the way. Recycling employment increased by 44 percent from 2006 to 2014 – a 4.7 percent annual growth rate.

Impressed? Well, that's not all. The state's recycling industry has an annual total economic impact of \$13 billion – doubling this impact in just eight years. Recycling also generates \$329 million in state and local taxes each year.

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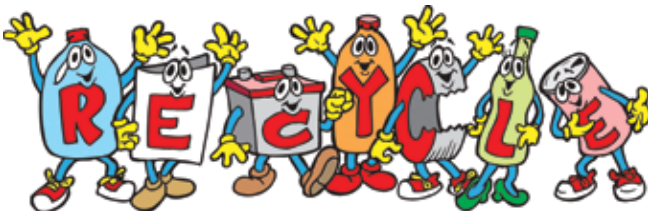
Dorchester County would like to remind you that recycling helps protect our environment and conserve natural resources for everyone, including future generations. We can all do our part to make recycling work. How? Little things, like taking a reusable shopping bag to the store or home composting, can make a big difference. Thank You!

Dorchester County's goal is to make recycling easy. Convenience sites are user friendly and available to all county residents. Twelve convenience sites are available throughout Dorchester County for residents to use. These convenience sites are staffed with attendants that can answer questions about recycling.

Recycling bins are available for \$2 to residents countywide. Just call **(843) 832-0070** or **(843) 563-0070** to order a bin. For special events (e.g., church festivals, the Flowertown Festival, school festivals, charity runs), the county offers a recycling bin loaner program. Call **(843) 832-0070** or **(843) 563-0070** for details.

The Dorchester County Solid Waste Department actively promotes recycling and educational programs within its schools and clubs. The county partners with schools to help setup recycling programs at no cost. The county also shows school staff and students how recycling can be an entrepreneurial process – from collection, to selling recyclables and then putting the money earned back into the school recycling program. This process teaches everyone the value of recycling and how it can create jobs.

For more information about recycling in Dorchester County or to reserve a speaker for your school or organization, call **(843) 832-0070** or **(843) 563-0070** or visit www.dorchestercounty.net (select LIVING HERE, then RECYCLING).



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what can be recycled?

The following items are accepted in Dorchester County. All materials, however, are not accepted at all sites. Please check with the site attendant if you don't know which collection container to use.

- **Aluminum and Steel Cans** – accepted at all Dorchester County Convenience Sites
- **Antifreeze** – accepted at Hwy. 61, Knightsville, Oakbrook and St. George Convenience Sites
- **Appliances** (e.g., refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers) – accepted at Oakbrook, Knightsville, Givhans, Sandy Pines and St. George Convenience Sites
- **Cardboard** – accepted at Hwy. 61, Knightsville, Oakbrook and St. George Convenience Sites
- **Carpet Padding/Cushion Foam** – accepted at Knightsville and Oakbrook Convenience Sites
- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris** – Five convenience sites take C&D debris.
- **Cooking Oil** – accepted at all Dorchester County Convenience Sites
- **Electronics, Household** (e.g., computers, laptops, monitors, printers, televisions) **NOTES: Please don't cut any cords. Electronics are accepted at the Hwy. 61/Beech Hill and St. George Convenience Sites ONLY.**
- **Farmer Oil** – accepted at Rosinville Convenience Site ONLY
- **Furniture** (e.g., mattresses, sofas, tables) – accepted at Oakbrook, Knightsville, Givhans and St. George Convenience Sites
- **Glass Bottles and Jars** (any color, including lids)
- **Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs and Junk Mail** – accepted at all Dorchester County Convenience Sites
- **Office and Mixed Paper** – accepted at all Dorchester County Convenience Sites
- **Oil/Gasoline Mixture** (from lawn mowers, boats, etc.) – accepted at Knightsville and Hwy. 61 Convenience Sites
- **Plastic Bottles, Jars and Jugs** (#1 – #7 and lids)
- **Tires** – **NOTES: Limit four per visit. NO OVERSIZED TIRES, please.**
- **Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters and Bottles** – accepted at all convenience sites EXCEPT Miles Road and Sandy Pines
- **Yard Trimmings** (leaves, shrubs and tree limbs) **NOTES: Limbs should be no more than 8-10 inches in diameter and not more than 4 feet in length. Yard trimmings are accepted ONLY at Sandy Pines and Miles Jamison Road sites, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



Please note that textiles (e.g., clothing, linens, hats, shoes) are collected in Goodwill containers located at St. George, Knightsville/Bucks, Old Fort/Oakbrook and Hwy. 61/Sprucewood Convenience Sites.

more to know ...

- **Brown paper bags** help keep newspapers and mixed paper from blowing out of the bins and becoming litter. Place all of your papers in brown paper bags to recycle them.
- **Cardboard** should be flattened to conserve space in collection containers. Please do not include cardboard with a waxy finish or grease-soaked cardboard, like pizza boxes.
- **Construction and demolition debris** is accepted from residents (in small amounts) at five convenience sites ONLY. (No commercial dumping.) For details, call **(843) 832-0070** or **(843) 563-0070**. Please remember that all loads should be covered and secured with a tarp.
- **Household chemicals** should be disposed of properly. Call Dorchester County Solid Waste at **(843) 832-0070** or **(843) 563-0070** or contact your local hauler for disposal options.
- **Household garbage** is accepted for disposal at all Dorchester County Convenience Sites.
- **Mixed paper** includes office paper (letterhead, computer and copy paper), plain envelopes, sticky notes, calendar pages, manila folders, legal paper and index cards) newspapers and inserts, magazines and catalogs and unwanted mail.
- **Packaging** makes a difference. Reduce waste by buying in bulk, if possible. Think about the packaging when you shop. Is it recyclable?
- **Paint**, if usable, often can be donated to non-profit groups, churches or schools in your community. If not, solidify paint in the can with kitty litter, quick cement or wood chips and then dispose of it in your household garbage. If there is only a small amount left in the can, leave the lid off and let it air dry.
- **Plastic bags** are real nuisances at the convenience centers. They float into trees and hang up equipment. When shopping, ask for paper bags or, better yet, take reusable cloth bags with you.
- **Used motor oil, filters and oil bottles** can be recycled in Dorchester County. One gallon of used motor oil poured on the ground or in a sewer system can contaminate as much as 1 million gallons of water – often the water we drink. Dorchester County Convenience Sites provide used motor oil collection tanks as well as filter and bottle collection containers to help you recycle these items properly.



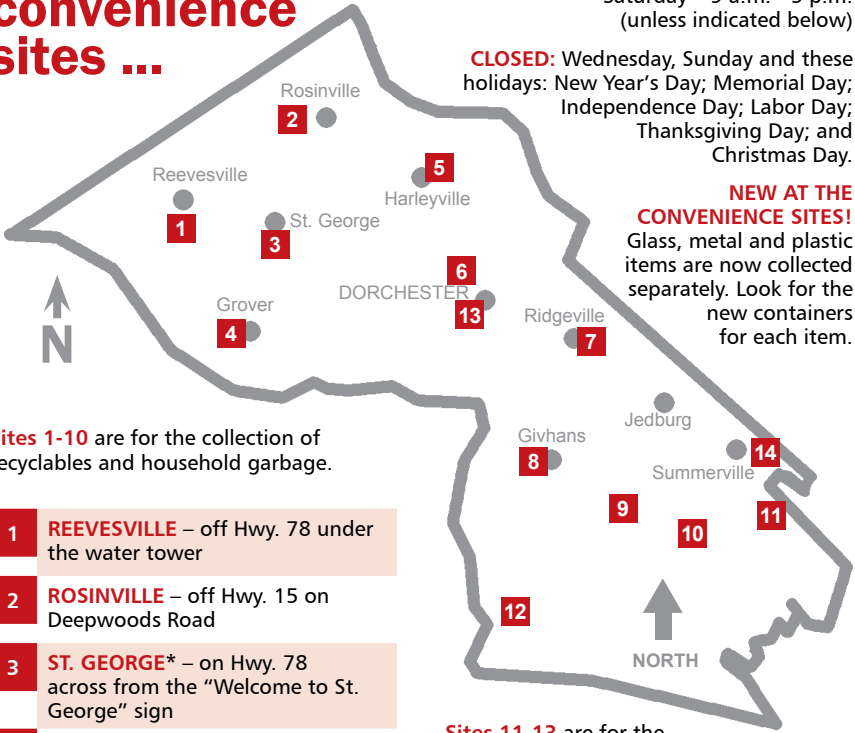
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dorchester county convenience sites ...

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday – 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (unless indicated below)

CLOSED: Wednesday, Sunday and these holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

NEW AT THE CONVENIENCE SITES! Glass, metal and plastic items are now collected separately. Look for the new containers for each item.



Sites 1-10 are for the collection of recyclables and household garbage.

Sites 11-13 are for the collection of items like antifreeze, tires, bulk items (e.g., furniture, mattresses), yard trimmings, appliances and metals.

1 REEVESVILLE – off Hwy. 78 under the water tower

2 ROSINVILLE – off Hwy. 15 on Deepwoods Road

3 ST. GEORGE* – on Hwy. 78 across from the “Welcome to St. George” sign

4 GROVER – on Wire Road (SC 19)

5 HARLEYVILLE – go north on Hwy. 453, cross I-26, then right on Seven Mile Road

6 DORCHESTER – off Limestone Road on Day Lane

7 RIDGEVILLE – on Campbell’s Thicket Road near Leiber Correctional Institute

8 GIVHANS* – on Hwy. 27, one mile north of Hwy. 61

9 KNIGHTSVILLE* – on Central Avenue, one-eighth mile west of the Speedway

10 HIGHWAY 61* – one-and-one-half miles west of Bacon’s Bridge Road (SC 165). This site also accepts e-scrap (e.g., computers, monitors, printers, other computer components).

11 OAKBROOK* – near the schools, off Parlor Avenue; site accepts **SCRAP METAL** and **APPLIANCES**.

12 GEDDISVILLE – off Clubhouse Road; site accepts all materials **EXCEPT** white and brown goods.

13 SANDY PINES / METALS / TIRE SITE – turn at DeLee Circle and follow signs; site accepts yard trimmings. (OPEN Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

14 MILES JAMISON ROAD SITE – 130 Suburban Lane, Summerville; site accepts yard trimmings. (OPEN Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

* Sites collect special items. Call **(843) 563-0070** for details.

curbside recycling ...

All waste haulers in Dorchester County that offer curbside collection of garbage also must offer curbside collection of recyclables. Contact your hauler for a schedule of when your recyclables are collected.

MUNICIPALITIES

- The towns of Ridgeville, St. George and Harleyville have curbside pickup from **Republic Disposal**. See **HAULERS** below.
- The Town of Summerville has curbside pickup from **Waste Pro**. See **HAULERS** below.
- North Charleston residents, including those in Coosaw Creek, Indigo Ridge, Whitehall and Whitehall South, see below.

HAULERS

- **Carolina Waste** – For more information, please call **(843) 576-1100**.
- **City of North Charleston** – For more information on the collection of garbage and recyclables, please call **(843) 745-1026**.
- **Priority 1** – For more information on the collection of garbage and recyclables, call **(843) 875-2556**.
- **Republic Disposal** – For more information on the collection of garbage and recyclables, please call **(843) 873-4810**.
- **Waste Management** – For more information, call **(843) 563-4587**.
- **Waste Pro** – For more information on the collection of garbage and recyclables, please visit **www.summerville.sc.us** or call **(843) 619-0800**.



where can you recycle?



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telephone directory ...

- Dorchester County
Public Works (843) 832-0070 or (843) 563-0070
- Dorchester County
Recycling (843) 832-0070 or (843) 563-0070
- S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control’s
(DHEC) Office of Solid Waste Reduction
and Recycling 1-800-768-7348
- Oakridge Landfill (843) 563-4587
- City of North Charleston..... (843) 745-1026
- Town of Harleyville (843) 462-7676
- Town of Reevesville (843) 563-9122
- Town of Ridgeville (843) 871-7960
- Town of St. George (843) 563-3032
- Town of Summerville..... (843) 871-6000

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- Dorchester County and
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- DHEC’s Office of Solid Waste
Reduction and Recycling www.scdhec.gov/recycle

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