

# Recycling Update

S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control • Office of Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling

Winter 2015

## Upcoming Events

To learn more about an event, click on the title below.

- **Plastics Recycling Conference 2015**, February 23-25, Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX
- **York County Green Business Conference**, March 5, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
- **Southeast Recycling Conference and Trade Show**, Conference on March 8-11, Trade Show on March 8-10, Destin, FL
- **The 30th International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management**, March 15-18, Philadelphia, PA
- **The Carolina Recycling Association's 25th Annual Conference & Trade Show & Collegiate Recycling Coalition Workshop**, March 23-26, Myrtle Beach, SC
- **The 2015 Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference**, March 30-31, Baltimore, MD
- **BioCycle West Coast Conference**, April 13-16, Portland, OR
- **The S.C. SWANA Spring Conference**, May 6-8, Pawleys Island, SC
- **Waste Expo**, June 1-4, Las Vegas, NV
- **The Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit**, June 24-26, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- **Green Sport Alliance Summit**, June 29-July 1, Chicago, IL
- **E-SCRAP 2015**, September 1-3, Orlando, FL
- **Resource Recycling Conference**, September 28-30, Indianapolis, IN
- **AASHE 2015 Conference & Expo**, October 25-28, Minneapolis, MN

## Boot Camp set for February 17

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Green Business Boot Camp will be held February 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbiana Drive Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia.

This Boot Camp is for hospitality facilities, businesses and industry. Agenda topics include energy efficiency, organics management options, green purchasing and tracking, waste reduction and recycling, a waste audit and facility tour.

This event is FREE and will include an awards lunch and the presentation of the annual S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program

and Green Hospitality awards. If your local government would like to recognize a business in your community for their recycling efforts, please contact Stacey Washington at [washinsv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:washinsv@dhec.sc.gov) or (803) 898-1329.

E-mail [smartbiz@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:smartbiz@dhec.sc.gov) to register for the Boot Camp.

The Hilton Garden Inn is honoring the GSA hotel rate of \$94.

To make hotel reservations, call (803) 407-6640.



## Recycling in the News (For more, click on the title.)

### Recycling Professionals Certification Program set for May 2015

More information to come.

### Waste, Recycling Employment Hits Record High in 2014

### EPA Seeks Environmental Education Grant Applications

### NEWMOA Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Tools Available for Local Governments

View the [brochure](#) and [tool kit](#).

## College/University Recycling Events

- **RecycleMania** is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over an eight-week period each spring, colleges across the United States and Canada report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week and are in turn ranked in various categories. With each week's updated ranking, participating schools follow their performance against other colleges and use the results to rally their campus to reduce and recycle more. National recognition is provided to the winning school in each category on the **RecycleMania website** and in a national press release. Winning schools receive an award made out of recyclable materials and win the right to host that category's special traveling trophy for the coming year.
- **2015 EcoReps Conference, February 27-28, Columbia, SC, University of South Carolina** – Want to start or grow a sustainability peer leadership program on your campus? The Southeastern EcoReps Conference can help! Network with staff and students from colleges and universities around the region while attending sessions geared towards campus student sustainability programs. Sessions will be grouped into four tracks: Hot Eco-Topics on College Campuses; Peer Leadership Skills; Event Ideas; and Staff Advisor Networking and Skill Building. There tentatively will be a workshop on starting a program. The conference is free to attend and breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday. Both staff and students are encouraged to attend. **Register now through February 6.**

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Want to include information in our newsletter?

Call Heather Barberio at (803) 898-1328 or e-mail [barberhh@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:barberhh@dhec.sc.gov).

## KAB offers cigarette litter prevention grants

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) has announced a national grants program aimed at recycling discarded cigarette butts. The 2015 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program will offer 50 grants that total \$275,000.

Please note that the deadline has been extended until **February 6, 2015**. Also note that the larger high-impact grants – \$5,000 and \$10,000 – require applicants to submit a DETAILED proposal and budget (including any additional funding, in-kind donations or pledges of support) to [clpp@kab.org](mailto:clpp@kab.org) with “2015 CLPP Grant Proposal” in the subject line.

Please refer to the **CLPP Grant User Guide** before submitting your application.

## 2015 CRA Awards

Carolina Recycling Association (CRA) is seeking award submissions for the annual conference and trade show. Categories include:

- **Recycler of the Year Award;**
- **Local Government Award;**
- **Outstanding College or University Program;**
- **Outstanding School Program;**
- **Outstanding Business/Industry Recycling;**
- **Outstanding Composting or Organics Recycling Program;**
- **Getting the Word Out: Sensational Education and Outreach;**
- **Volunteer Leadership Award;**
- **Keep America Beautiful Outstanding Litter Prevention Program Award;** and
- **Bill Evans & Carol Bond Memorial Award for Outstanding Toxicity Reduction.**

For more information or to nominate a person or program, visit the **CRA Awards Website**.

The deadline to submit nominations is **February 6**.

## Clemson University ranks No. 1 in GameDay Recycling Challenge

The GameDay Recycling Challenge is a friendly competition for colleges and universities to promote waste reduction at their football games. During the challenge, colleges and universities implement waste reduction programs during home football games.

Schools track and report waste reductions and disposal data that is used to rank the schools. South Carolina schools that were recognized are listed below.

- **Clemson University** ranked No. 1 in the nation for total recycling with 60,724 pounds recycled. Clemson also ranked fourteenth in the nation for the diversion rate (63.4 percent).
- **Coastal Carolina University** ranked No. 19 with a 53.5 percent diversion rate.
- **The Citadel** came in at No. 20 with a 51.3 percent diversion rate.
- **The University of South Carolina** was ranked No. 32 with a 34.6 percent diversion rate.



## Upcoming Webinars

To learn more about the webinar, click on the title below.

- **Composting, Recycling and Turning Trash Into Cash**, January 28, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST
- **Introduction to the State Electronics Challenge**, January 28, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. PST
- **Managing Hazardous Waste in 2015 – Improving your Environmental Management**, January 29, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. PST
- **U.S. Zero Waste Business Council Certification** – January 30, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST
- **Changing Commuting Behaviors**, February 11, 3 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Pilot Program and Webinar Series** – EPA’s Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy is hosting a free four-part webinar series to guide users through the waste assessment and reduction process presented in the Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Toolkit. All are welcome to participate. The schedule and links to register are listed below.
- **Milestone 1: Preparing for a Food Waste Assessment and Establishing a Baseline**, Thursday, January 29, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST
- **Milestone 2: Data Analysis, Creating and Implementing Waste Reduction Strategies**, February 26, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST
- **Milestone 3: Tracking Progress**, March 26, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST
- **Milestone 4: Measuring Impact**, April 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST
- **Connecting Rural HHW Program Managers to Manufacturer-funded Take-back Programs**, February 12, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST
- **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Award Winner Webinar Series** – All webinars are 90 minutes and take place on Wednesday’s at 3 p.m. EST. Webinars are free for AASHE members and \$50 for non-AASHE members.



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