



## PRESS RELEASE



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### **Oconee County Recycling Centers Accepting Glass Recycling**

Oconee County Recycling Centers are now accepting glass for recycling. Glass products should be cleaned and lids removed prior to arrival at the Recycling Centers. This will help to prevent contamination and load rejections and reduce the need for staff to handle said products.

The Recycling Centers will continue to accept regular household garbage, cardboard, scrap metal, mixed paper, aluminum cans and tires. An increase in municipal waste and recycling materials has led to longer than normal wait times. Oconee County asks that the public please be patient as personnel work to diligently meet demand and provide a safe environment for staff and residents of Oconee County.

The Recycling Centers will not accept plastic at this time. These items have a higher risk for contamination and pose a potential threat to the health and safety of Oconee County personnel. Oconee County will provide additional information as the acceptance of these items resumes and the threat of COVID-19, or Coronavirus, has diminished.

When visiting Oconee County Recycling Centers, all persons should presort recyclables, limit time outside of vehicles, and continue to maintain a safe social distance of six (6) feet from others. Groups should be limited to three or less as much as possible.

Oconee County Recycling Centers will maintain customary hours of operation: Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Recycling Centers are closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

For more information regarding the Oconee County Solid Waste Department services or hours of operation, please contact (864) 888-1440.

On March 16, 2020, Oconee County reduced certain non-essential operations and services to protect the health and well-being of citizens and staff and to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan, China. Over the past few months, the disease has rapidly spread in multiple countries, including the United States. The virus mainly spreads from person-to-person through direct contact or respiratory droplets. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

For more information, please visit the official COVID-19 information center for your Oconee County, SC Government at [oconeesc.com/covid19](https://oconeesc.com/covid19).