

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The average American generates nearly 4 pounds of trash per day.
2. Packaging represents about **65%** of household trash.
3. Americans throw out roughly **43,000** tons of food daily. Food waste is the number one item in the waste stream.
4. Nearly **one-third** of the waste generated yearly in the United States is from product packaging.
5. In the United States, we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour – about 42,000 per minute, or about 695 per second. But there's an easy way to reduce your plastic use.

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR IMPACT!

1. Instead of purchasing prepackaged water, use a refillable water bottle or cup.
2. Donate leftover food to food banks/homeless shelters so the food can be consumed. If not available, build a backyard composter.
3. To reduce packaging waste, buy materials in bulk.
4. When going grocery shopping, use a reusable shopping bag.
5. Use washable plates, silverware, cups, and rags versus disposable plates, utensils and paper napkins.
6. Choose wisely when making purchases. It's better to never buy plastic products versus trying to recycle it. There may be no place locally to recycle that particular item.

Oconee County Solid Waste Recycle Centers



Recycling Today, Preserving Tomorrow

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Why should I recycle?

A. Recycling reduces waste, conserves landfill space, conserves resources, reduces adverse impacts to the environment, and reduces costs associated with disposing garbage. Oconee County currently provides 11 recycling centers strategically located throughout the county.

Q. Why can't I recycle certain items such as Styrofoam, lightbulbs, shrink wrap, plastic grocery bags, regular alkaline batteries, etc.?

A. Recycling is an activity directly tied to commodity markets and can be effected by fluctuating markets and regions. To make recycling feasible and decrease impacts to the environment, there must be a market available for the recyclable. Even if there is a market available, then requirements such as grade of material, quantity (typically 20 tons), and frequency of accumulation may not allow it to be recycled in Oconee County.

Q. Why must vehicles exit the recycle center by 7pm?

A. The Solid Waste Department is funded by public tax dollars. The department is allocated a budget that must be adhered to, in order to control costs and avoid tax increases to the citizens of Oconee County. Residents must exit our facilities to ensure costs remain within the allocated budget, and to ensure the safety of staff and patrons of our facilities.

Q. Why does the Solid Waste Staff not unload garbage for everyone?

A. The primary reason we do not provide garbage valet type service is due to the risk of injury to our staff. Medical needles, sharps, and increased liability inherent with removing garbage from patrons' vehicles prohibit our staff from assisting everyone. If a handicapped individual needs help, they must have a handicap placard and ask the attendant for help. Their garbage must be bagged and placed in the trunk of a car or in the bed of a truck

OCONEE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS

Per Oconee County Solid Waste Ordinance, the Recycling Centers are for Residential Use Only for garbage and recyclables. All businesses, contractors, rental cleanouts, and trash service providers must use either the landfill or transfer station to dispose of their waste. Violations of this ordinance can result in fines by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

HOURS OF OPERATION

OPEN 7am- 7pm (all vehicles must exit by 7pm);
CLOSED Wednesday and Sunday

Oconee County Solid Waste observes the following holidays:
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Announcements will be on
101.7fm WGOG and 94.1fm WSNW,
published in the Daily Journal newspaper,
and on www.oconeesc.com/solidwaste

***Any waste not disposed of in the proper container (such as in the parking lot or at the gate) on Oconee County property, will be considered open dumping and investigated by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. ***

#1 STRAWBERRY FARM
301 N. Strawberry Farm Rd.,
Seneca, SC 29678

#2 METROMONT
250 U-Stor-It Dr.,
Seneca, SC 29672

#3 PINEGROVE
298 Perry Woolbright Rd.,
Townville, SC 29689

#4 SALEM
397 Stamp Creek Rd.,
Salem, SC 29676

#5 RICHLAND
230 Richland Rd.,
Westminster, SC 29693

#6 MT. REST
107 Tunnel Town Rd.,
Mt. Rest, SC 29664

#7 TOCCOA
4167 Toccoa Highway,
Westminster, SC 29693

#8 FIVE FORKS
210 Camp Rd.,
Walhalla, SC 29691

#9 PORT BASS
108 Rock Hill Rd.,
Fair Play, SC 29643

#10 EBENEZER
1089 Safety Harbor Rd.,
West Union, SC 29696

#11 LONG CREEK
186 Old Unity Church Rd.,
Westminster, SC 29693

ACCEPTED ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

(All recyclables should be as clean as possible and not contain food, liquid, dirt, or any other contaminant. Recyclables should be separated and placed in the appropriate container.)

ALUMINUM CANS: Only aluminum beverage containers accepted. No tin foil or pet food containers.

ANTIFREEZE: Only uncontaminated antifreeze.

APPLIANCES AND SCRAP METAL: All appliances with metal parts including stoves, washers, dryers, bicycles, refrigerators, grills, clothes hangers, steel cans, pots and pans, water heaters. Any other item must contain at least 75 percent metal.

BATTERIES, LEAD ACID: Used automotive, marine, and lawn mower batteries.

BATTERIES, RECHARGEABLE: Batteries from small electronics or power tools. No regular, alkaline, single use batteries.

CARDBOARD: Clean and dry. No packaging, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, or anything other material.

COOKING OIL: Only plant based oils. LARD is not accepted.

EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS

GLASS: Clear, green, and brown bottles and jars. No mirrors, light bulbs, window panes, tempered glass or Pyrex.

MOTOR OIL FILTERS AND BOTTLES: Must be drained.

OIL: Motor oil, transmission fluid, and hydraulic fluid that has not been contaminated by water or gasoline.

PAPER: News, copy, writing, and packing paper, paper bags, envelopes, junk mail, magazines and cereal type boxes. NO food wrappers, paper towels, tissue or toilet paper.

PLASTIC: Accepts only #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastic bottles, jugs, and jars. No food containers, films, bags or prescription bottles.

TIRES: Passenger vehicle tires, lawnmower tires, bicycle tires, and ATV tires. NO tractor trailer or farm tires. LIMIT OF 4 TIRES PER PERSON PER YEAR.



HOW TO DISPOSE OF?

PAINT: Paint can be disposed of in household garbage as long as it is dry. To dry paint in a container, first open the container and mix sand, cat litter, oil dry, shredded paper or dirt in the paint and leave the container open until it solidifies. Once it is solid, it can then be disposed of in household garbage.

TELEVISIONS: Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) televisions or monitors 36 inches or less and flat screens less than 50 inches can be disposed of in household garbage. CRT's larger than 36 inches and flat screens larger than 50 inches must be taken to the Strawberry Farm Recycle center and placed in the electronics container.

ANIMAL FECES: It is preferable that residents bury their animals waste in at least 6 inches of soil on their property. If disposal is chosen, be sure to double bag small amounts of waste and tie knots at the top of both bags to ensure the waste is properly sealed. This is mainly to protect garbage collectors and the attendants from coming into contact with the waste upon pickup. Cat and dog waste can transmit disease to humans. Large amounts of animal waste must be taken to the Oconee County Transfer Station where fees will apply.

HYPODERMIC NEEDLES/SHARPS:

Home generated sharps should be disposed in empty bleach or detergent bottles (sharps in a milk jug or soda bottle will not be accepted). First, place a biohazard sharps sticker on the bottle and place the needles inside the bottle. Once the bottle is ¾ full, the cap should be tightly secured on the bottle and wrapped with strong tape. Bottles should be placed in household garbage. Do not bag the bottle, it should be clearly seen. For FREE needle stickers, please call 1-800-285-5257.