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GREENVILLE COUNTY #1 IN THE STATE Recycling rate is 42%, which is the best in South Carolina

Greenville County Solid Waste's commitment to supporting recycling through educational programs and by providing convenient recycling drop-off sites throughout the county has helped Greenville County become the State of South Carolina's top recycling county. South Carolina DHEC's FY11 Solid Waste Report shows that Greenville County has improved from a 37.1% to a 42.4% recycling rate, which is highest in the state.

"We are committed to getting out in the community to spread the message of recycling, and also provide businesses and citizens with the tools and materials necessary to execute recycling programs," says Wendy McNatt, Greenville County Recycling Coordinator.

The DHEC report shows that the average Greenville County citizen recycles 2.6 pounds per day, while 3.5 pounds of trash is disposed of per day per person. Greenville County is one of only four South Carolina counties to have a recycle rate better than 35% with a disposal rate of 3.5 pounds or less per person per day.

Greenville County supplies 21 convenient drop-off sites throughout all geographic areas of the County for residents that are not served by curbside pick-up. This access, along with strong participation from the County's municipalities, provides the foundation that led to more than 213,000 tons of trash being recycled by Greenville County in 2011.

"This number was achieved through a commitment from residents and businesses," says Marcia Papin, Greenville County Solid Waste. "The heroes are the people of the County who have found value in the materials we were once tossing as trash. We are all taking one step at a time down the road to zero waste."

A copy of DHEC's report is available at
http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/annual_report.htm

To learn more about Greenville County's recycling efforts please visit
http://www.greenvillecounty.org/Solid_Waste/