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AMERICA RECYCLES DAY 2025

through science, service, and sustainability during the agency's second year and beyond.

Recycle Right SC

Recycling is working in South Carolina, but there is room for improvement. Recycling Right is putting only items in your recycling bin or cart that are accepted in your program. They also should be properly prepared for collection - ensuring the material can be processed into new products. Wrong or improperly prepared items - called contamination - can place workers at risk, damage equipment, lower the value of material that can be recycled, and increase program costs. Here are the three rules for Recycling Right: **1) Be cart smart.** Only recycle items that are accepted; **2) Prepare Properly.** Items should be clean, dry, and loose (not bagged); and **3) No contamination.** Do not place items like food waste, liquids, electronics, rechargeable batteries, and plastic bags in your recycling bin. Learn more at des.sc.gov/RecycleRightSC.

Recycle Here SC

Recycle Here SC is an app that provides information about what, where, and how to recycle different items across South Carolina. Confusion about what items can and can't be recycled paired with contamination are the biggest challenges faced by recycling programs in the state. This app conveniently lists all the recycling programs in the state and allows residents to search for recycling locations and programs within their counties. Users also can search and sign up for notifications about special collection events (such as household hazardous waste take-back days, paper shredding days, and electronic collection events). Basic information about composting, litter prevention, and waste reduction also is available. The app puts all of this information right at your fingertips. Visit your favorite app store to download this free resource.

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