



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Charleston County Expands Curbside Recycling Program**

*Environmental Management beginning curbside pickup in new West Ashley neighborhoods*

Charleston County's [Environmental Management Department](#) is expanding its curbside recycling pickup service, beginning with several new West Ashley neighborhoods.

Service to Carolina Bay Estates, Cypress, Tidewater, Saltgrass, Ricefields, Essex and Bolton's Landing neighborhoods, with approximately 525 occupied residences, will begin Wednesday, February 24.

"We plan to increase curbside pickup systematically," said Cynthia Campbell, Environmental Management's Business Manager. "We are rolling out a plan to address doughnut holes in our service areas."

To improve recycling collection data, recycling trucks are now equipped with counters that drivers use to track homeowner recycling participation rates. This data, along with efficiencies implemented to truck route operations, have led to opportunities to increase neighborhood coverage.

"We are pleased to begin to see the results of operational improvements and are excited by the increased productivity that is allowing for the strategic expansion of services," said Hal Crawford, Environmental Management's Collection Manager.

With the addition of the new neighborhoods, Charleston County's curbside recycling program services approximately 110,258 homes. Recyclables are also collected at 75 [drop site locations](#) and eight staffed [convenience centers](#) located primarily in the rural areas of the county.

Recyclable materials are picked up on a bi-weekly basis, and residents along pickup routes are asked to have their recycling bins at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Blue bins have been delivered to the communities added to the curbside service and are also available to all Charleston County residents for pickup at Charleston County's Recycling Center at 13 Romney Street in downtown Charleston from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

A list of what recyclables can be placed in the blue bins for pickup, the 2010 curbside recycling calendar and more are available at [recycle.charlestoncounty.org](http://recycle.charlestoncounty.org).

For more information about Charleston County Environmental Management, visit [recycle.charlestoncounty.org](http://recycle.charlestoncounty.org) or call (843) 720-7111.

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