Rural Fire Stations to Offer More Recycling Opportunities for Citizens

Beginning August 15, residents will have 11 new locations to drop off recyclables

Charleston County's Environmental Management Department staff and County Council member A. Victor Rawl have been working together to make it even easier for residents to recycle in rural areas of the County.

"Adding more drop-off locations for recycling in the rural areas of the County makes it easier on our citizens who live in the remote areas of the County," Rawl said. "The local fire stations seemed like a logical spot to place recycling containers because they are easily accessible to citizens and most citizens know where they are located. And, this new initiative is just one more step toward reaching Council's 40% recycling goal."

To move forward with the idea, County staff surveyed rurally-located fire stations to find out if their staff would allow recycling containers on their site for residents' use. Twelve fire stations agreed to have recycling containers on site beginning on August 15, 2011:

1. St. Paul's Station 1: 6488 South Carolina 162, Hollywood, SC 29449
2. St. Paul's Station 2: 5536 Hyde Park Road, Ravenel SC 29470
4. St. Paul's Station 4: 5908 Savannah Highway, Ravenel, SC 29470
5. St. Paul's Station 5: 5674 Highway 174, Adams Run, SC 29426
7. St. John's Station 1: 3327 Maybank Highway, Johns Island, SC 29457
8. St. Johns Station 5: 4550 River Road, Johns Island, SC 29455
9. Awendaw Station 2: 6384 Maxville Road, Awendaw, SC 29429
10. Awendaw Station 4: 10009 Highway 17 North, McClellenville, SC 29458
11. Awendaw Station 5: 1189 Sweetgrass Basket Parkway, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
12. Awendaw Station 6: 911 South Santee Road, McClellenville, SC 29458

"We are excited to play a part in making recycling easier for our residents because we are centrally located, everyone knows where we are, and it is just the right thing to do," said Battalion Chief Pete Rogers of the Awendaw Fire Department, who agreed to have recycling bins at the station.

With the additional locations, rural residents can drop off their recycling at locations along major routes without having to drive to one of the eight regular Charleston County Convenience Centers.

"Simplifying the recycling process for citizens is our goal, and it is exciting to see that the local fire stations are eager to help make it even easier for the citizen to recycle," said Mike Kenerley, Charleston County Environmental Management Department's Program Manager. "It is community collaboration like this that will ultimately help the County to reach its 40% recycling goal even faster."

Visit the Charleston County Environmental Management Department's main Web page at recycl.charlestoncounty.org for other recycling information and Convenience Center locations, or call the Recycling Center at (843) 720-7111.
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