Charleston County and City of IOP to Kick Off Beach Recycling Pilot Program
Beachgoers encouraged to look for blue recycling barrels and separate recyclables from waste

Charleston County's Environmental Management Department is partnering with the City of Isle of Palms to expand recycling service to include the beach. The County is providing 94 blue recycling barrels that the Isle of Palms Sanitation Department will place directly on the beach. The City's contractor will service the beachside recycling barrels and haul the recyclables to a main collection point on the island where County Environmental Management will pick up the material.

"The Isle of Palms continues to provide forward thinking leadership in the County's recycling efforts," said Charleston County Council member Dickie Schweers, who represents the area where the pilot program will occur. "Capturing recyclables generated from beach tourism allows our recycling program to achieve greater efficiency."

Signage on the blue recycling barrels will indicate that plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and clean paper are accepted. The barrels will be placed starting at 3rd Avenue through Wild Dunes beachfront. Recycling service may begin as soon as this Memorial Day weekend.

"We are really excited to be able to partner with Charleston County to offer the opportunity for people to recycle at the beach," said Dick Cronin, Mayor of the City of Isle of Palms. "In response to requests from residents and visitors, blue recycling barrels will be positioned alongside the City's traditional yellow, palm tree barrels on the beach. Beach goers are encouraged to use care to separate appropriately in each of the barrels."

The duration of the pilot program is to be determined pending initial results.

For more information on single stream residential recycling, contact the Charleston County Environmental Management Department at (843) 720-7111 or visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org.

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