

# SCHOOL OF RECYCLING



**1.25**

pounds of material is recycled per person per day in the state.

Last year, each South Carolinian recycled

**455**

pounds of material.

**1,101,190**

tons of paper, cans, bottles, food scraps and more are recycled in one year.

South Carolinians recycle about

**305,000**

tons of paper annually – more than any other recycled material.



More than

**7 MILLION**

tons of material was recycled in the past six years.

The state recycles

**26.5%**

of its waste.

There are more than

**22,000**

recycling-related jobs in South Carolina.



**SOURCE:** "The South Carolina Solid Waste Management Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015" (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015).

To view the full report, visit [www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/DataReports/](http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/DataReports/).



## WHAT IS RECYCLING?

Recycling means making new items out of things instead of throwing them away. **It's a three-step process.** Items are first collected, usually in bins or at drop-off centers. Then, the material is broken down and made into new products. Finally, the new products are sold.

## WHY SHOULD YOU RECYCLE?

Recycling saves natural resources, reduces the need for landfills and decreases pollution. Plus, many businesses in South Carolina use recyclables to make new items. (Did you know T-shirts can be made from recycled plastic bottles?) By recycling, you can help the state's economy and the environment.

## GET STARTED. RECYCLE AT SCHOOL!

Just like at your home, there are a lot of items you can recycle at your school. Recycling not only helps you waste less but can help raise money for school projects. Talk to your teacher about starting or growing your school's recycling program.



## LEARN MORE.

Please visit [www.scdhec.gov/recycle](http://www.scdhec.gov/recycle)  
or call **1-800-768-7348**.

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