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See picture from last year's race of what NOT to throw in the recycling bin:
<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/newsimages/recyclingbin.htm>

Bridge Run Participants Asked to Recycle During April 5 Race

The Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department is asking all Cooper River Bridge Run participants to recycle their water and other drink bottles on the day of the race.

The department will be providing recycling support at the Cooper River Bridge Run's Finish Festival at Marion Square on Saturday, April 5. About 33 recycling bins, which will be provided by Keep Charleston Beautiful, will be placed in Marion Square so participants can recycle their plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans.

Recycling bins and trash cans will be located together throughout the square. Volunteers will be at each set of containers to direct people to throw their trash in the correct receptacle.

"We want to encourage everyone to recycle on race day and we are excited to have recycling available during this event," said Gregg Varner, Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Director. "However, we also want to remind everyone to not throw fruit peels and other trash in the recycling bins."

Volunteers will walk around the square during and after the event to pick up any recyclables and litter left on the ground. Volunteers from the Alzheimer's Association and Lowcountry EarthForce will help County staff with the recycling and litter control effort.

In addition to the smaller recycling bins at Marion Square, there will be three large recycling drop site containers (for plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans) as well as two large containers for corrugated cardboard.

Two large containers for corrugated cardboard will also be available during the Cooper River Bridge Run Expo at the Gillard Auditorium.

SIDEBAR

Amounts of recyclables collected by the Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at past Cooper River Bridge Run events:

- **2007:** 6,590 pounds of cardboard and 2,065 pounds of plastic bottles
- **2006:** 6,995 pounds of cardboard and 2,060 pounds of plastic bottles
- **2005:** 4,560 pounds of cardboard and 2,420 pounds of plastic bottles
- **2004:** 4,820 pounds of cardboard and 4,860 pounds of plastic bottles
- **2003:** 5,300 pounds of cardboard and 4,620 pounds of plastic bottles

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