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County and Town Partner to Offer Recycling Bins at Recreational Facilities

70 recycling bins now located at 10 Mount Pleasant ball fields

[Charleston County's Environmental Management Department](#) staff the [Town of Mount Pleasant](#) teamed up to begin a new recycling effort at all Mt. Pleasant ballparks and recreational facilities to make it easy for citizens who use the Town's recreational facilities to recycle.

The County's Environmental Management Department staff recently delivered 70 large (95-gallon) recycling containers to 10 Mt. Pleasant parks. In addition, the Town has committed to placing trash cans next to each recycling container to help avoid non-recyclable materials being placed in the blue recycling bins.

The 10 new locations in the Town of Mount Pleasant that currently have recycling bins are:

- Patriot's Point Soccer Facility: 85 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Mt. Pleasant Municipal Complex: 100 Ann Edwards Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Duffy Complex: 615 Center St, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Joe Gawrych Baseball Complex: 1559 Rifle Range Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Richard L. Jones Center: 391 Egypt Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Park West Sports Complex: 1251 Park West Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466
- Wando South Ballfields: 1560 Mathis Ferry Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Cario Soccer Fields: 3500 Thomas Cario Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466
- Waterfront Park: 99 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 (across from Visitor's Center)
- Moultrie Football Field: 645 Coleman Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

The collaborative effort was brought about through ideas and coordination by [Charleston County Council member Dickie Schweers](#), [Mt. Pleasant's Mayor Billy Swails](#), the [Town's Recreation Department](#) and [Public Works/Recycling Division](#), and [Charleston County's Environmental Management Department](#).

"We are not launching this recreational recycling program because 'going green' is a popular trend. We are doing it because it is the right thing to do," said Mayor Swails. "The recycling efforts being put into place at our ballparks and recreational facilities will have an immediate positive impact. This initiative not only makes sense for the environment in our parks, but it makes good business sense as well."

The new program also serves to meet the 40% recycling goal adopted by Charleston County Council after Charleston County's Environmental Management Department completed a comprehensive assessment of its integrated solid waste management program in 2009.

"This new initiative with the Town of Mt. Pleasant is a win, win situation because it diverts recyclables from the County's landfill, and helps Charleston County to reach Council's 40% recycling goal," said Council member Schweers.

County staff sees the new effort as an opportunity to expand recycling at other similar locations throughout the entire County.

“This is just a first step for us at Environmental Management, as we hope to work with all of the cities, towns, parks and public service districts in the County to help us to reach our 40% recycling goal and save valuable landfill space,” said Mike Kenerley, Charleston County Environmental Management Department’s Program Manager.

For more information on Charleston County’s recycling program, visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org, or call the Recycling Center at (843) 720-7111.

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