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County opens residential food scrap drop site at Bees Ferry

The City of Charleston started its residential compost pilot program in January 2022, with support from grant funding. Over 900 households have joined the pilot so far, diverting over 30 tons of food scraps. Participants have said that adding more drop sites would improve the program and make composting more accessible. Now, Charleston County and the City of Folly Beach are partnering to expand the compost program.

On October 1, the County, along with Folly Beach, joined the City's existing residential food scrap drop site program, adding a new site at the Bees Ferry Convenience Center. To access the compost bins from Bees Ferry Road, continue past the convenience center. The food scrap drop site is located in the gravel parking lot adjacent to the scale house.

Composting helps reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and helps protect air and water from pollution. By nourishing the soil, compost also helps stormwater absorption. Finally, compost reduces the need for expensive chemical fertilizers, makes plants healthier and can be used without harming wildlife or ecosystem health.

Residents interested in the program must sign up at www.charleston-sc.gov/compost.

Filtered water fountains in PSB

Facilities has added filters to all water fountains in the Public Services Building. Here are some benefits of using the water fountain:

- Save money on bottled water

- Reduce your plastic waste by refilling a reusable water bottle

- Get in extra steps by walking to the water fountain for water refills

Battery recycling

Remember to drop off your batteries in one of the 16 convenient drop bins located in County buildings:

- Charleston Center

- Emergency Services Building

- Judicial Center

- Law Enforcement Center

- Library Support Center & Main Library Storage Area

- Perimeter Center

- Public Services Building

- Public Works

To see exact bin locations, check out this map.