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Beaufort County's Public Works Solid Waste & Recycling Office Receives DHEC Grant

The <u>Beaufort County Public Works Department Solid Waste and Recycling Office</u> has received a grant totaling \$83,420 from the <u>South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling.</u>

The grant funds will not only support the collection of tires and used oil at the <u>County's Convenience Centers</u>, but also help the County to implement a countywide initiative to eliminate plastic bags from the recycling containers for plastics at its four major Convenience Centers—Bluffton, Hilton Head, Shanklin and St. Helena.

According to Ashley Jenkins, the County's Recycling Coordinator, this grant will educate, engage, and equip County residents with the tools and knowledge of how to recycle correctly. The grant also gives staff the opportunity to partner with conservation organizations to create a short animated educational series that will teach children about litter prevention, reasons to recycle, and benefits of keeping waterways clean.

Additional information about the Solid Waste and Recycling Office and its programs and services can be found online at www.bcgov.net/recycle or by calling 843-255-2823.

