

Spend a morning or afternoon with like-minded folks to learn how to have a lighter impact on your environment.

Learn how to reduce waste and create beautiful outdoor spaces. Learn how to make these connections: first, the food scraps from your kitchen help to make the compost you need to amend your soil; then, the amended soil holds water better and produces healthier plants. Healthier plants are disease- and pest-resistant.

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Find Out More About Gardening & Recycling Organics Wisely

In an effort to encourage our community to reduce waste and protect our land and water resources, **Oconee Solid Waste** will be hosting a GROW Workshop on **March 5, 2005** at the **Agricultural Building in Walhalla** from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Cost of workshop is \$10.

The workshop will include:

- ★ a full, color, illustrated "GROW Handbook" for each participant;
- ✿ a limited number of **FREE** Earth Machine compost bins (so come early); and
- 🍽️ lunch.

For more information on attending the GROW Workshop, contact the Oconee Solid Waste Office, **(864) 888-1440**. **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FEBRUARY 25, 2005.**



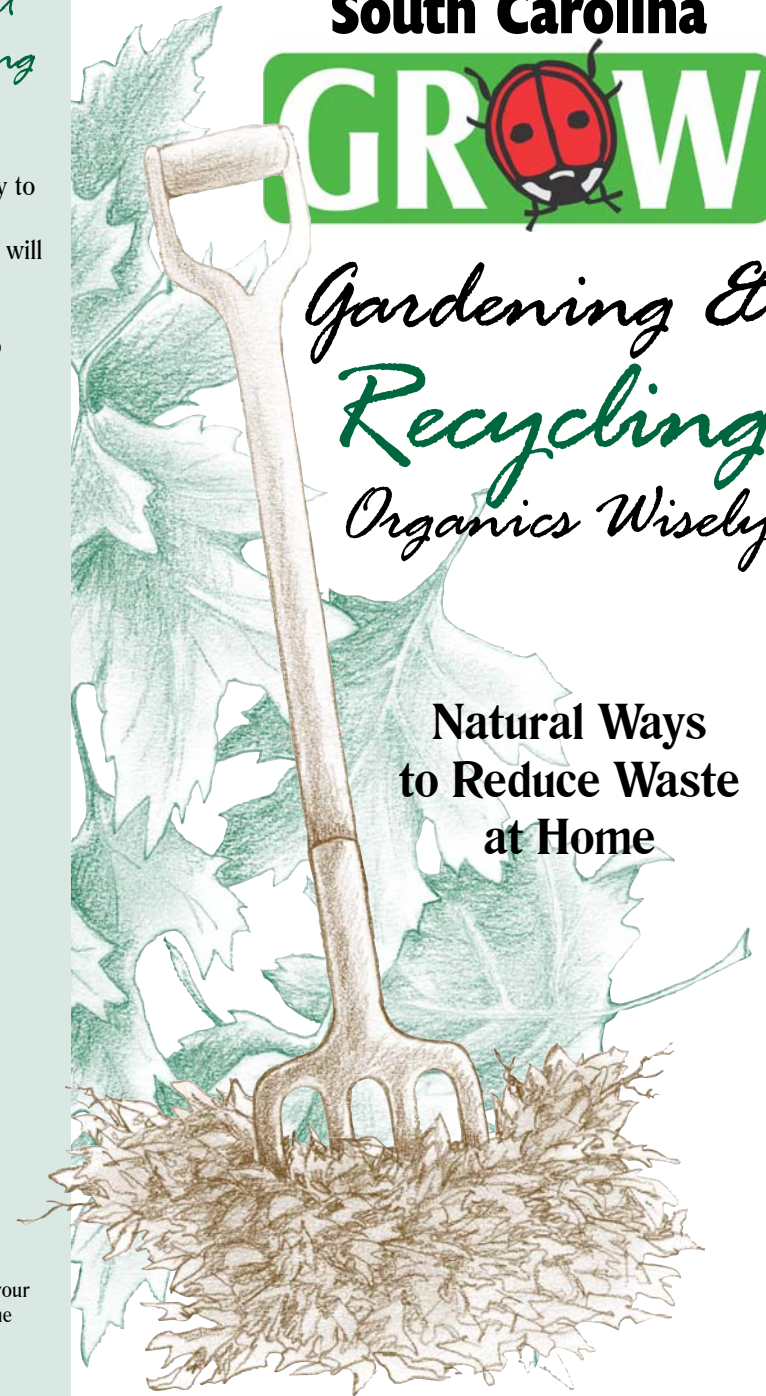
For more information on offering a workshop in your community, contact the GROW coordinator, Diane Marlow, with DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling at **1-800-768-7348**.

South Carolina



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Natural Ways to Reduce Waste at Home





'The gROW Handbook'

The essential ideas of six topics have been organized in a “**GROW Handbook**” to teach the program and support a sustainable approach to landscaping.

GROW is offered to communities throughout South Carolina through local workshops. Using a team-teaching approach, a variety of specialists teach participants about the different topics. The visual aids and practical examples of the instructors bring the topics to life. The colorful, illustrated handbook that each workshop participant receives will provide concise and carefully prepared text for ready reference after the workshop.

The **GROW** program, first and foremost is to provide a compelling reason for doing the right thing with organics in the waste stream.

Why bother? The integrated approach promoted by **GROW** helps you save money, gives you healthy yards for people and pets and provides you with rewards like fresher air, beautiful flowers and trees and ‘fresh from the farm’ vegetables.

The “**GROW Handbook**” includes detailed chapters on the following topics:

- ◆ **Growing Healthy Soil** – Learn how to build your soil cheaply and easily.
- ◆ **Composting at Home** – You have the free materials at your fingertips for making a compost pile.
- ◆ **Smart Watering** – Make every drop count and avoid wasting this precious resource.
- ◆ **Pests: Natural Pest, Weed & Disease Control** – Learn to prevent pest problems without use of expensive and dangerous products.
- ◆ **Choose the right plants for a beautiful, trouble-free garden.** Make sure your dream garden is easy with these practical tips.
- ◆ **Natural Lawn Care** – Simply “grasscycling” can give you free fertilizer – at least ¼ of your lawn’s needs.

