

iRecycle program expands

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iRecycle, a partnership between United Resource Recovery Corp. and Spartanburg Coca-Cola, plans to take the program countywide within the next year.

URRC provides recycling bins and supplies to schools and other places throughout the community. The pilot program was initially launched in District 5 schools last spring. URRC and Spartanburg Coca-Cola recently announced that they will take the pilot program to all seven districts, awarding scholarships in each district.

This will include all 90 schools, interested businesses, community centers and events in Spartanburg County.

The issue of having the bottles back hauled is very important. iRecycle wants to promote recycling to help our environment, and this will have the biggest impact. There will be 15 drivers from Coca-Cola helping in their efforts.

It's also important to keep track of how many bottles are collected. This is done by weight and estimated bottles per pound.

When the drivers pick up at each location, they tag the bags with the name of each school. Once the bags are delivered at URRC, they are sorted and weighed for each location.

URRC has been operating a PET recycling facility in Spartanburg for 15 years. In June 2007, Coca-Cola joined their efforts and committed to fund a \$50 million dollar expansion of the pilot plant. This will increase production from 10 million pounds per year to 100 million pounds.

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