

# NEWS from The Savannah River Site

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## **City of Aiken and SRS team up to celebrate America Recycles Day**

Aiken, S.C., Nov.2, 2001 -- The City of Aiken and the Savannah River Site Pollution Prevention Team are partnering to celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15. To mark the day and create public awareness for recycling, interested volunteers are invited to help collect materials for, and construct, a 60-foot X 100-foot American flag made of crushed aluminum cans.

The City of Aiken has designated Field #5 at the Citizens Park softball complex off Banks Mill Road as the site for America Recycles Day activity. From now until November 14, collection bins will be available on the gravel access road adjacent to Field #5. Those interested in participating are invited to bring crushed aluminum cans to the bins. Since American flag colors are red, white and blue, cans with these colors are needed (examples: red cans include Coke; white cans include some Sprite and 7-Up; blue includes Pepsi). Donated cans should be crushed so that one side of the colored portion of the can shows (not crushed end to end). It's estimated that 77,000 cans will be needed for a project of this size.

On November 14 and 15, volunteers from the City of Aiken, SRS and the public are invited to come help construct the flag. Tripp Land Survey will provide flag layout surveying assistance. The public is urged to come out, bring the family and enjoy a patriotic activity with an important message about recycling.

Activities will take place from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. on both days. Lapel pins will be given to the first 1500 people who bring 100 or more recycled aluminum cans to the Citizens Park location on November 14 or 15. In addition, all who bring 100 or more recycled cans for the project on November 14-15 will have their names entered in a drawing for a wristwatch made from a recycled aluminum can.

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After the flag is dismantled, the City of Aiken will sell the aluminum cans donated to the project and donate proceeds to the New York City relief effort.

If you would like to volunteer your group or organization to participate, call Sarita Berry, 803/557-8124, or Caroline Grosso, 803/557-6351. For additional information about the project, contact the individuals listed above or call the City of Aiken Parks and Recreation Department at 642-7630.

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