

# Beautification Commission



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### Beautification Commission

The Harrison County Beautification Commission is a public/private partnership consisting of 7 volunteers appointed by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

### Mission Statement

To implement Keep America Beautiful (and similar) programs which combine education with hands-on stewardship to make Harrison County's communities cleaner, greener, safer and more livable.

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## What Can You Do ?

The Harrison County Beautification Commission is committed to litter prevention education, reducing solid waste and finding solid waste and recycling alternatives.

## Harrison County's Sources of litter are:

- Improperly disposed household waste
- Commercial waste
- Loading dock refuse
- Construction site debris
- Uncovered truck beds
- Boaters and motorists
- Pedestrian

Litter costs the community in tax dollars to clean up public areas, detracts from the natural beauty of the state, harms wildlife, degrades quality of life, and is a potential hazard to water and road safety. Businesses, citizens, and civic groups can help by participating in local efforts to clean up the community, support recycling efforts, adopt-a-spot, donating monetarily, products or services to beautification programs and events.

## How Can You Make A Difference ?

- Set an example for others
- Carry a litter bag in your car
- Make sure trash cans have lids that fasten
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to ensure top and side doors are closed
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris to your local highway, public works, or conservation office
- Organize a clean up
- Cover open loads on all trucks
- Encourage a school to start a "clean campus" program. This could include placement of trash receptacles, litter pick ups, and projects in which students track litter's origins
- Ask marina operators if your civic group can pass out litter bags to boaters

For more information on becoming a volunteer or donating, please see our downloads section or contact the Beautification Commission at :

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Harrison County Beautification Commission sponsors several programs that help make our communities cleaner, greener, safer and more livable.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

Everyday Harrison County residents unknowingly threaten our environment by throwing out household hazardous waste along with their regular trash or by pouring hazardous waste down their sinks, storm drains or sewers. This improper disposal can destroy our environment by polluting our air, water and soil. To provide residents with a safe and sanitary alternative, the Harrison County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is available.

Open the second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. until noon at 10076 Lorraine Road next to the Sheriff Department, this collection site is free to the public and accepts the following:

- Latex or oil based paint
- Used cooking or automobile oil
- Antifreeze
- Household, marine and car batteries
- White goods such as freezers and refrigerators
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Tires
- E-waste (electronics) such as computers, cell phones, telephones, televisions

If you have questions about whether an item can be accepted, please call 228-214-1405. Items are **ONLY** accepted during the hours of operation or by special appointment.

This program is partially funded by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Dreaming of a recycled Christmas? After the holidays, bring your Christmas trees to be recycled into mulch. Drop-off locations will be posted after Thanksgiving.

**Collection dates will be:** 12/20/2012 through 01/20/2013 (Locations to be announced)

### Great American Cleanup

Each year the Harrison County Beautification Commission works with Keep America Beautiful to sponsor the Great American Cleanup! Past projects have included beach cleanups, tree and flower planting and litter reduction. Check back soon for more details or contact us with your ideas for a project that promotes waste reduction, recycling and reuse of materials.

### Annual Household Waste "Big Day" Collection

Harrison County Beautification Commission annually partners with Mississippi Power Company to sponsor a "Big Day" household hazardous waste collection. We collect items such as aerosol cans, fertilizer, household chemicals and cleaners as well as old electronics, paint, and oil. Next planned event will be in April 2013.

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### Telephone Directory Recycling Program

For the past sixteen years the Harrison County Beautification Commission has partnered with schools across the Coast to "throw the book" at landfill waste. Through our telephone directory recycling efforts we have literally collected hundreds of thousands of old phone books and in the process taught students a valuable lesson about recycling.

Please send your old phonebooks to school with your students and help them win cash for their class! Next scheduled event will be in December of 2012. Partners for this program includes Harrison County Beautification Commission, Harrison County Utility Authority, City of Biloxi, City of Gulfport, AT&T, and Advanced Disposal.

**Collection Dates are:** 11/26/2012 through 12/7/2012

### Participating Schools Are:

**District 1**  
 D'Iberville Middle School  
 D'Iberville High School  
 Jeff Davis Elementary

**District 2**  
 Harrison Central Elementary  
 Lyman Elementary  
 Three Rivers Elementary  
 Bayou View Elementary  
 Pass Road Elementary  
 St. James

**District 3**  
 Pineville Elementary  
 Long Beach Middle School  
 Delisle Elementary  
 Pass Christian Elementary  
 Pass Christian Middle School  
 Pass Christian High School  
 St. Vincent De Paul

**District 4**  
 Crossroads Elementary  
 Bel Air Elementary  
 North Gulfport 7th Grade  
 North Gulfport 8th Grade  
 Gaston Point Elementary  
 Gulfport Central Middle School

**District 5**  
 North Woolmarket Elementary School  
 North Woolmarket Middle School  
 Woolmarket Elementary  
 North Bay Elementary  
 Popp's Ferry Elementary

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