

# Employees clear roadways during Spring Spruce Up event

*More than 15,000 bags of trash collected during Spring Spruce Up*

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**H**undreds of SCDOT employees picked up 15,610 bags of roadside trash weighing 232,445 pounds during the 2021 statewide "Spring Spruce Up" cleanup.

More than 1,700 SCDOT employees, from headquarters to the county offices, were deployed across the state Tuesday, March 23, 2021. SCDOT supports Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette's "Grab A Bag SC" cleanup program with PalmettoPride.

SCDOT employees hold two statewide litter cleanup days each year; one in the fall and one in the spring.

In addition, SCDOT is ramping up efforts to combat roadside litter by hiring contractors for monthly littler pickups along interstate highways. These pickups were scheduled every other month, but were recently increased to monthly due to worsening litter conditions.

SCDOT employees are planning another statewide litter cleanup day in the fall of 2021.

In response to the increased litter problem, on Feb. 18, 2021, Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** implemented contracts to perform monthly litter pickups on interstate routes. Since implementation of this initiative, SCDOT contractors have removed 395,000 pounds of litter from 922 miles of interstate.



**District 6 Engineering Administrator Tim Henderson picks up litter along U.S. 52 in Berkeley County.**



**A crew picks up litter along Piedmont Road in Lee County.**



**Fairfield Maintenance picks up trash along S.C. 215 in Fairfield County.**



**An SCDOT crew picks up litter along U.S. 302 in Lexington County.**



**Lexington Maintenance picks up litter along U.S. 321 north of Gaston in Lexington County.**



**Charles Craft of Richland Maintenance picks up litter along I-26 in Columbia near St. Andrews Road.**



**Spartanburg Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer Ed Hunt picks up litter in Spartanburg County.**



**Lexington Maintenance crew picks up litter along U.S. 378.**