

St. James Tennis Club contribution to Recycling (2024)

Tennis players in St James have mailed over 50,500 tennis balls to [recycleballs.org](https://www.recycleballs.org) since we started sending balls to RecycleBalls in 2018. This doesn't count the balls that have gone to Brunswick County schools for desk and chair legs or balls that have gone to dog parks. Look for the green recycling bins hanging on the fences at all tennis courts. Volunteers collect the balls and take them to local schools, nursing homes or dog shelters but primarily ship them to [recycleballs.org](https://www.recycleballs.org) for many interesting uses. Check out their website to see what happens to all these tennis balls that avoided the landfill.

“As for the tennis balls that you've sent in bounce from the recycling bin to our warehouse, we have found a second life for over 12.5 million of them. They've found homes in schools on chairs, horse arenas creating a safe environment for therapy, and even into tennis courts! Your contributions helped pave the way for the [stadium court at the Canadian Open in Toronto](#), a landmark achievement in eco-conscious sports. Together we've saved more than 25 million ounces of rubber from landfills.”

The contact at [recycleballs.org](https://www.recycleballs.org) is Josh <https://www.recycleballs.org/donation-page/>

(Note from Laykold (Official provider for new court at the US Open)

“ The statistics are striking. Each year approximately 325 million tennis balls worldwide, including 125 million in the U.S. alone, end up in landfill. This is an environmental challenge the sport must face. Laykold is the only court brand to use recycled balls in its court surfaces.”

<https://www.laykold.com/>