

# Q&A with Robin Smith



—Robin Smith  
MUSC Grounds  
Department supervisor

**Q** Position and length of time with MUSC?

**A** Grounds Department supervisor; 3 years

**Q** Describe your duties.

**A** Supervise all aspects of landscaping on campus

**Q** What is a typical day of work like?

**A** I usually do my morning walk to make sure everything looks good on campus. After that, emails, meetings, digging in the dirt and making sure my employees are happy!

**Q** What's the best part of your job?

**A** Creative freedom!

**Q** What's the hardest part of your job?

**A** Not having all of the crew in the same location. We are all spread over 80 acres.

**Q** How does your work help with recycling/sustainability?

**A** The Urban Farm recycles coffee grounds from Starbucks to use in our veggie beds! And we also have started to use less chemicals on campus and

more biodegradable oils to run our lawn equipment.

**Q** How has the recycling/sustainability movement changed since you've been here?

**A** I love the idea of recycling our food waste!

**Q** What, if any, improvements could MUSC do for recycling/sustainability?

**A** Christine Cooley is working on putting a recycle bin by every trash can so we can reduce trash and increase recycling!

**Q** Is there a project or campus site of which you are most proud?

**A** The Clinical Science Building perennial garden is my favorite project so far because it is full of color year around!

**Q** What advice would you have to help people with recycling/sustainability?

**A** I read once that it takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to decompose. That bottle would be in the landfill for my children's-children's-children's-children. How sad!! After that I decided that I would try my hardest to throw my bottles in the recycle bin! That kick started my recycle habit!!



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