



# WATERSHED MOMENTS

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Turn your yard into a Carolina Yard! Clemson is offering a five week Carolina Yards Online Course, which starts May 8<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu) for details and registration.

### Upcoming Events

**Carolina Yards Challenge at the Big Nosh Festival**  
May 4, 2014  
11:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Tree of Life

**Richland Recycles Day**  
May 16, 2014  
7:00 AM-6:00 PM  
SC State Fairgrounds

**4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray**  
June 9-13, 2014  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM  
SCE&G Recreation Area  
on Lake Murray

### Newsorthy:

#### Richland Recycles Day

Richland County residents can get rid of unwanted materials at the upcoming Richland Recycles Day! Bring your junk to the South Carolina State Fairgrounds from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM for free disposal. This special collection event is held annually by the Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling Department to provide an opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous and hard to dispose of materials. This event is open to residents of Richland County only – no businesses, please. Please contact 576-2446 for questions or concerns.



The following materials will be accepted:

- Paper for shredding (limit five boxes)
- Electronics, such as stereos, TVs, microwaves, phones, fax machines, small appliances, power tools, etc.
- Tires – cars, light trucks, bicycle and motorcycle (limit eight tires)
- Scrap metal and white goods – stoves, washing machines, bicycles, metal chairs, shelves, refrigerators, air conditioners and lawn mowers, which must be free of gas
- Household hazardous waste (paint, cleaners, home pesticides, etc.)
- Mattresses
- Cooking oil
- Batteries
- Florescent light bulbs

#### 4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed

July 7-11, 2014  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM  
Harbison State Forest

#### Summer Celebration of Water

August 23, 2014  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Riverfront Park

#### Ongoing Projects

##### Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business Recognition Program

Find out how your business can participate at [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc).

##### Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina's environment rather than against it. Go to [www.clemson.edu/cyn](http://www.clemson.edu/cyn) for more information.

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#### Recent Activities:

##### Richland Backyard Landscaping Series

Thursday nights in March, RCSC offered a series of presentations on how to make backyards better for the environment and easier to care for. This four-part series was based on the Carolina Yards program, a recognition program from Clemson Extension. Participants learned about soils and fertilizer, composting, native plants, and caring for shorelines. This annual series will be offered again next spring with new environmentally friendly landscaping topics.



##### Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale

This spring, Richland County partnered with City of Columbia and Keep the Midlands Beautiful to offer citizens an opportunity to buy rain barrels and compost bins at greatly reduced prices. A total of 145 rain barrels and 110 compost bins were sold. The sale was so successful, we are planning to offer it again next year, so if you missed it, watch for another chance next winter.

##### Sparkleberry Country Fair

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, visitors to the Sparkleberry Country Fair had many opportunities to learn about keeping the water clean. Richland County Stormwater had a display on preventing pollution, Carolina Clear had a display on the Carolina Yards program, Gills Creek Watershed Association had a watershed model and information about local streams, and the Soil and Water Conservation District had a display on protecting the environment for wildlife. Sparkleberry Fair is a huge event that draws thousands each year. RCSC partners had a great time teaching and sharing with the public at this festival, and we look forward to attending more spring events!



#### Upcoming Activities:

##### Carolina Yards Challenge at the Big Nosh Festival

May 4, 2014

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tree of Life Congregation, Arcadia Lakes

Find out if your yard is a Carolina Yard, and enter to WIN A RAIN BARREL! RCSC will be at the Big Nosh in Arcadia Lakes this Sunday with information on environmentally friendly lawn care, watersheds, pollution prevention, and more. Visit our table for water quality fun!



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## 4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray

**June 9-13, 2014**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, daily**

**SCE&G Recreation Area**

**At Lake Murray, Lexington**

Students ages 10-12 can spend a week on the water this summer at 4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray, a water science day camp from Clemson Extension. Campers will tour Lake Murray by pontoon boat, visit the Coast Guard Auxiliary station and water treatment plant, swim every day, and learn about fish and aquatic life. Students will leave with a better understanding of the importance of clean lakes and streams, and how to keep them that way. Go to [www.clemson.edu/4h2o](http://www.clemson.edu/4h2o) to register.

## 4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed

**July 7-11, 2014**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, daily**

**Harbison State Forest**

**5600 Broad River Rd., Columbia**

4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed is a day camp for kids ages 11-14. Campers will hike at Congaree National Park, tour a fish hatchery, go kayaking, swim, study wetlands, streams, and lake ecosystems, and build an appreciation of local water resources. Go to [www.clemson.edu/4h2o](http://www.clemson.edu/4h2o) to register. Space is limited, so don't wait!



## Summer Celebration of Water

**August 23, 2014**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Riverfront Park, Columbia**

Save the Date! August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the day to celebrate clean water in Columbia! Summer Celebration of Water is a FREE family festival with kayaking, canoeing, water slides, kids' activities, entertainment, and fun on the water at Riverfront Park. This fun event is brought to you by Richland County, Lexington County and City of Columbia.



***Help to raise awareness of ways each of us can protect our local watersheds and quality of life in our communities by sharing this newsletter with others!***

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