This year, set an anti-pollution resolution! Join a watershed organization, volunteer for a cleanup, adopt a stormdrain, green your yard.... There are so many ways you can do your part for clean water. Find out more at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear

**Upcoming Events**

**Green Congregations Drop-In Session**

January 30, 2014
5:30-7:30 PM
McGregor Presbyterian Church

**Project Learning Tree Workshop**

February 8, 2014
9:00-3:30 PM
Benedict College

**GCWA Adopt-A-Highway**

February 8, 2014
9:00-11:00 AM

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**Newsworthy:**

**Get a Great Deals on Rain Barrels and Compost Bins**

Keep the Midlands Beautiful, Richland County, City of Columbia and Carolina Clear are partnering to host a rain barrel and compost bin pre-order sale, going on now until March 8th. Go to [http://enviroworld.ca/midlands](http://enviroworld.ca/midlands) to place your order today. Rain barrels are $60 and compost bins are $50. All orders can be picked up between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on March 22nd at the Gamecock Bi-Lo on Devine Street. Master Gardeners will be on site to give tips on composting and rain water harvesting. For questions, contact Keep the Midlands Beautiful at (803) 733-1139.

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January 30, 2014
5:30 - 7:30 PM
McGregor Presbyterian Church
6505 St. Andrews Road, Irmo

Get started on the new year by making your church or congregation more green. Learn what other local congregations are doing and see examples of Caring for Creation projects that you can put into practice at your place of worship.
**Project Learning Tree Workshop**

**February 8, 2014**
**9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**
**Bacoats Hall, Benedict College**
**1600 Harden St., Columbia, SC**

Project Learning Tree is a curriculum for K-8 educators that teaches a wide variety of environmental topics, incorporating science, math, reading, art and other subjects. This workshop is free to college students with a student ID; all others $20. Space is limited; register in advance at [http://www.rcgov.us/Government/Departments/Conservation/ConservationDistrict/ConservationDistrictNews/TabId/670/artmid/1228/artid/322/Default.aspx](http://www.rcgov.us/Government/Departments/Conservation/ConservationDistrict/ConservationDistrictNews/TabId/670/artmid/1228/artid/322/Default.aspx).

**GCWA Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup**

**February 8, 2014**
**9:00 AM**
**South Beltline Blvd.**

Join the Gills Creek Watershed Association for its quarterly cleanup of South Beltline Boulevard! Meet in the Intertape Polymer Group parking lot located at 2000 S. Beltline Blvd. For questions or more information contact Julie Mayson at julie.mayson@gillscreekwatershed.org. For other volunteer litter cleanup opportunities, visit [www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org](http://www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org).

**Richland Backyard Landscaping Series**

**Thursdays in March, 2014**
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**
**Richland County Public Library, Cooper Branch**
**5317 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206**

Based on the Carolina Yards program, this FREE annual speaker series is designed to assist homeowners in achieving their desired landscape while saving time and money and protecting South Carolina’s natural resources. This year’s topics are:

- **March 6: Understanding Soil and Fertilizer** (Jackie Jordan, Horticulture Agent with Clemson Extension, Richland County)
- **March 13: Composting** (Chanda Cooper, Education Program Coordinator with the Richland County Conservation Department)
- **March 20: Landscaping Your Waterfront** (Ben Powell, Forestry & Natural Resource Agent with Clemson Extension, Horry County)
- **March 27: Gardening with Native Plants** (Betsy Kaemmerlen, Senior Landscape Architect with Fuss & O’Neill)

**Ongoing Projects**

Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business Recognition Program
Find out how your business can participate at [www.clemson.edu/carinaclear/rcsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carinaclear/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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