



WATERSHED MOMENTS

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Beat the heat with free water from the sky! This rain barrel is used by students at St. John Neumann Catholic School to water their school garden.

Upcoming Events

4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray

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

4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed

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

Newsorthy:

Storm Drain Marker Program

Neighborhoods, apartments and businesses can help protect Richland County's natural resources by participating in the storm drain marker program. The drain markers remind residents not to dump pollutants into storm drains, which lead directly to local waterways.

Help raise awareness that trash, yard debris, pet waste or hazardous materials dumped into storm drains contributes to water pollution and harms wildlife. To participate, contact Richland County's Stormwater Education and Outreach Coordinator at (803) 576-2491.



Recent Activities:

Richland Recycles Day

On May 16th, Richland County residents flocked to the State Fairgrounds to dispose of unwanted materials at Richland Recycles Day! Here is what citizens dropped off for 2014:

- Pesticides: 7,000 pounds
- Other household waste: 30,000 pounds
- Tires: 20,000 pounds
- Cooking oil: 1,000 pounds
- Electronics: 70,000 pounds
- Paper shredded: 8,000 pounds
- Mattresses: 1,700 pounds
- Batteries: 1,000 pounds
- Fluorescent bulbs: 2,000 pounds.



Look for more recycling events throughout the year. Call 576-2446 for information on recycling in Richland County.

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.

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 for more information.

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Kayak Trip on Lake Wateree

Students in Catawba Trails Elementary's Nature Navigators club got a special treat on May 17th. To finish up their unit on water quality and watersheds, the fourth and fifth graders went kayaking on Lake Wateree with the help of Clemson's 4-H2O kayak fleet. The kids got to see swallow nests under a bridge, blue herons, turtles, and other wildlife. It was a beautiful day to be on the water.



National Public Works Week

Every year Richland County celebrates National Public Works Week by sharing information with citizens on the function of all of the different departments under Public Works. Managing stormwater is essential to keep the county functioning, so RCSC participated in the events of the week with a display at the County Administration Building and an activity for NPWW Kids Day featuring a stormwater runoff relay race. This was a great opportunity to provide insight into how the county takes care of stormwater and water quality for its citizens.

Upcoming Activities:

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 to register. Space is limited, so don't wait!





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August 23, 2014

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Riverfront Park, Columbia

Save the Date! August 23rd 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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