



# TAKE ACTION E-NEWS

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*Storm drains go straight to streams and rivers! Sign up your neighborhood to participate in the storm drain marking program!*

### Upcoming Events

#### **Shot Pouch Creek Cleanup**

February 16, 2013

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Meet at Ozzies at the Rustic Market, 433 Guignard Dr.

#### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

March 7, 2013

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Sumter County Training Center,  
1289 North Main Street

### Ongoing Projects

#### **Pet Waste Campaign**

*We have been working with local veterinarians and pet supply businesses to encourage pet owners to*

### Recent Activities:

#### **Storm Drain Marking in Idlewild Neighborhood**

Students from St. Francis Xavier High School did their part to keep Sumter's waterways clean. On January 31, thirteen students and two adult volunteers marked twenty storm drains in the Idlewild neighborhood. They also distributed door hangers with pollution prevention tips to over thirty homes. Storm drains in Idlewild collect water from streets roofs and yards and carry it into nearby Second Mill Pond. The storm drain markers remind citizens that the storm drains go straight to waterways, without any cleaning or filtering. If you would like to get involved in the storm drain marking program, click the "Volunteer" link on the SSS website, [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc).



*Students from St. Francis Xavier High School show off a storm drain they marked in Idlewild.*

*pick up after their pets.  
Look for flyers and posters  
at your local vet, and stop  
by PetCo for a doggie  
bandana featuring Parker  
Pup!*



**When dooty calls, trash it!**

### **Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods**

*Learn how create attractive  
and healthy lawns by  
working with South  
Carolina's environment  
rather than against it. Go  
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### **Upcoming Activities:**

#### **Shot Pouch Creek Cleanup**

**February 16, 2013**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Shot Pouch Creek at Guignard Dr.**

Work together to help clean up one of Sumter's Urban streams! On February 16, SSS needs volunteers to help pick up trash on Shot Pouch Creek, which runs from Dillon Park to Swan Lake. In addition to picking up trash along the stream banks, we will be using kayaks to reach litter in the middle of the channel. Volunteers should wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. SSS will provide trash bags, gloves, and water. Please meet at Ozzies at the Rustic Market, 433 N. Guignard Drive. Registration is not required, but if you have questions, contact Jolie Brown at [jolie2@clemson.edu](mailto:jolie2@clemson.edu).

#### **Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop**

**March 7, 2013**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Sumter County Public Works**

Start saving up your rainy days with your very own rain barrel! At the rain barrel workshop on March 7 you can make a barrel to take home. Rain barrels collect water from your roof, which can then be used to water your flower beds, wash your car, and many other outdoor uses. [Follow this link for a registration form and additional details.](#)

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