



# TAKE ACTION E-NEWS

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**Did you know? Your dog's waste has 2½ times as much harmful bacteria as a person's. That bacteria can contaminate rivers and streams, making them unsafe for swimming and fishing. Remember to pick up every time, whether on the street, in the park, or in your own backyard.**

### Upcoming Events

#### **River Sweep**

*Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013*

*10:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Turkey Creek Watershed*

*Eastside Baptist Church*

*701 Boulevard Rd., Sumter*

#### **Carolina Yards Challenge at the Sumter County Fair**

*Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013*

*10:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

*Sumter County Fairgrounds*

### Newsorthy:

#### **Storm Drain Marking Volunteers Needed**

Does your street have storm drains? Help us let Sumter know that storm drains flow to waterways without treatment by marking the storm drains in your neighborhood. Drain markers serve as a reminder not to dump oil, trash, leaves, household chemicals or anything else down a storm drain. Storm drain marking is a great service project for neighborhood associations, school clubs, church groups or scouts. The markers are installed with an easy-to-use adhesive, and younger volunteers can assist by distributing door hangers to houses in the neighborhood. To sign up, contact Jolie Brown at [jolie2@clemsun.edu](mailto:jolie2@clemsun.edu).



*Crestwood High School volunteers mark storm drains in neighborhoods along Alice Drive.*

### Recent Activities:

#### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

On August 15, thirteen Sumter residents built rain barrels to collect water at their homes. Using recycled soda barrels, they cut, drilled, and caulked to create fun solutions for stormwater. Rain barrels reduce the amount of stormwater flowing down streets and ditches, and provide free water that can be used for irrigation, indoor plants, rinsing tools, and more.

## Sumter Stormwater Solutions Meeting

October, 2013

Date TBA

North Hope Center

This meeting is open to the public. – Please join us!

### Ongoing Projects

#### 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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Two barrels made at the rain barrel workshop on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Activities:

#### River Sweep 2013

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Turkey Creek Watershed

Meet at Eastside Baptist Church

701 Boulevard Rd., Sumter

Be a part of South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup! Beach Sweep/ River Sweep is organized statewide by the SC Sea Grant Consortium and SCDNR. For the 2013 Sweep, we will be cleaning up litter along a drainage canal that flows into Turkey Creek. Volunteers should wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather. Sumter Stormwater Solutions will provide trash bags, safety vests, water and gloves, but please bring your own gloves if you have them. Registration is not required. For questions, contact Jolie Brown at 803-773-5561 or [jolie2@clemson.edu](mailto:jolie2@clemson.edu).



#### Carolina Yards Challenge at the Sumter County Fair

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Sumter County Fairgrounds

Does your yard measure up? Take the Carolina Yards Challenge at the Sumter County Fair and find out! Carolina Yards is a recognition program that Clemson Extension offers to homeowners who want their yards to be the best they can be for South Carolina and the environment. Through a few simple actions, you can make your yard healthier,



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greener and easier to care for by working with nature, not against it. Visit the Carolina Yards booth at the Agriculture Building any time during the fair, Sept. 24-29. The Carolina Yards Challenge will be 10AM-2PM on Saturday Sept. 28th. Come by and see Mary Caflisch to take the challenge and learn how you can grow your own Carolina Yard ([www.clemson.edu/cyn](http://www.clemson.edu/cyn)).

***Help to raise awareness to 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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