



Keeping you informed about stormwater issues and Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium activities

LEXINGTON STORMWATER COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) sought feedback from residents about stormwater runoff pollution by completing and submitting a **Lexington Community Stormwater Survey**. This assistance from the public will help Lexington County’s stormwater outreach program as well as those of the municipalities within the County to better target concerns of our residents. This survey will support the evaluation of the stormwater programs in Lexington County and municipalities. Anyone who replied to the survey that began on August 1, 2018 and ended on December 31, 2018 was entered in a drawing for one of two \$25.00 VISA gift cards. One entry per resident was allowed. Winners were notified on January 7, 2019 and are pictured below .



Lexington County winner, Marsha Brown (Center) with Public Works Stormwater staff.



Town of Springdale winner, John Tidwell (L) with Town Administrator

The assistance of Harrison Cahill, Lexington County Public Information Officer, was helpful in getting participation from residents through several postings of the survey on the County of Lexington Facebook page. Thanks also goes to Consortium members who posted the survey on their social media accounts. **Significant feedback was collected throughout the county from over 300 participants.** Thank you to all who took part in this survey!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Recycling Electronics & Paper - Hazardous waste collection at Irmo High School.
1/19/19 9am-1pm

Rain Barrel Workshop, Irmo
Pre-registration required 3/15/19

Next LCSC Quarterly Meeting: West Columbia
2/21/2019

JANUARY–APRIL DROP OFF RECYCLING EVENTS



January	Saturday	Forts Pond Elementary School (School parking lot) ⁶	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	7350 Fish Hatchery Rd. Pelion, SC 29123	Paper Electronics Household Hazardous Waste Goodwill
January 19					
February	Saturday	Riverbanks Zoo and Garden (overflow parking just past main entrance)	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	500 Wildlife Pkwy. Columbia SC 29210 <i>Open to Richland County Residents too</i>	Paper Electronics Scrap Metal Goodwill
February 23					
March	Saturday	Batesburg-Leesville High School	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	600 Summerland Avenue. Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006	Paper Electronics Tires
March 23					
April	Saturday	White Knoll High School (Main, sports parking lot)	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	5643 Platt Springs Road. Lexington, SC 29073	Paper Electronics Household Hazardous Waste Goodwill
April 6					

CLICK FOR [QUESTIONS](#) OR CALL LEXINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (803) 755-3325

WET WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS



The rain total for 2018 was the highest it's been in South Carolina in three years.

Prior to October of 2015, few people in the Midlands worried about flooding, but the 1,000 year storm that began on October 4th and continued throughout most of that month changed all that. Hurricanes have become more prevalent and have turned backyards into swimming pools as shown in this picture of flooding from Hurricane Michael in early October of 2018.

Floods can wreak havoc in many ways to property and even life and limb. Torrents of polluted stormwater pour into storm drains swelling waterways and making them murky with all types of bacteria, sediment and contaminants. Septic systems, when flooded, contribute heavily to unsafe water and pose big problems for septic system owners. What can be done to prevent septic systems from contaminating the ground, waterways and adding to the mess?

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has provided a guide for septic system owners to help them in protecting not only their septic system but also the waterways we all depend upon for safe drinking water, recreation, travel and beauty. Please click on the link below for a link to the article ***If Your Land and Septic System are Ever Flooded, Follow This Advice.***

<https://www.scdhec.gov/environment/your-home/septic-tanks/flooding-what-do>

NETWORKING BREAKFAST - ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The first Midlands Green Business Networking Breakfast of 2019 will be held at Nephron Pharmaceuticals in West Columbia on Wednesday, January 30.

Resolve to become a Midlands Green Business member today. Register online at www.MidlandsGreenBiz.com for this free recognition and networking program. **It's easy and any size business can qualify!**

RRRAIN BARREL WORKSHOP IN IRMO

BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Town of Irmo
7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063



Friday, March 15, 2019
8:45 a.m. – 12:00 pm



Rain barrels collect rainwater off your roof, which you can use to water your garden, wash your car, and any other outdoor use. Rain barrels can help you save water, save money, and reduce stormwater pollution.

Learn about:

- Rain Barrel construction
- Stormwater runoff and water pollution
- Rainwater harvesting with barrels and cisterns

Program Fee: \$25

(includes all materials and refreshments)

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 11, 2019
(Space is limited to first paid 25 registrants)

Brought to you by:



To register or for more information contact:

Brittany Sandifer at Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District
(803) 358-8679 or bsandiferswcd@gmail.com



Build a Rain Barrel Workshop Registration Form
Friday, March 15, 2019



Number of Participants _____ x \$25

Name(s): _____ Phone: (____) _____ -- _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable and Mail registration fee to:
Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District
123 Park Road, Lexington, SC 29072

HEALTH DIRECTIONS WELLNESS FAIR

Come and join in the fun and benefits of the Health Directions Wellness Fair!

The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium will feature a display in the Environmental Wellness category that is fun, informative and jam packed with prizes. Test your stormwater knowledge and win stainless steel drinkware and other useful prizes.

Over 20 displays will combine to feature all seven dimensions of Wellness to help you super charge your life and health in 2019!



**Join Health Directions for the
3rd Annual Wellness Fair!**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 • 3:30-6:30 P.M.

HEALTH DIRECTIONS • 3239 SUNSET BLVD. • WEST COLUMBIA

- Giveaways
- Nutritious food samples
- Chair massages
- Spinal assessments
- Free Health Directions fitness bag
- Educational opportunities
- Prize drawings

- Participating vendors:
 - LMC Foundation
 - LMC Sleep Solutions
 - Massage Envy
 - Max Living
 - Fleet Feet
 - Clean Eatz
 - Clean Juice
 - Kristen's Kitchen
 - 14 Carrot
 - Carter's Academy of Self-Defense
 - Leeza's Care Connection
 - Mission Lexington
 - Lexington County Solid Waste Management
 - Lexington County Stormwater
 - Midlands Technical College TRIO Programs



CALL 791-2113
for more information.



Contact Information

Lexington County Public Works
Attn: Environmental Coordinator
440 Ballpark Road
Lexington, SC 29072-2240
Phone: 803-785-8634

The next meeting of the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium will be held at the City of West Columbia on February 21, 2019. An Outlook invitation will be sent to participants prior to the meeting.

The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) is comprised of the communities of Cayce, South Congaree, Springdale, West Columbia, Irmo, Pine Ridge, Lexington, and Lexington County. We seek to protect Lexington County's waterways and natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of our citizens.

We're on the web LCSWC.com