



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

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!



The 2019 *Trash the Poop* display at Columbia Fireflies home game **Wag-Along Wednesdays** is in full swing this summer! Stormwater staff from Lexington County, City of Columbia and Richland County give dog owners a clip-on leash dispenser filled with handy bags to use to contain poopy mishaps at the game and at home. Dog parents are glad to receive them, and many of them enjoy playing **Poop Trivia**, a spin-the-wheel topic game that tests their knowledge of stormwater runoff pollution related to dog waste that enters storm drains all too often after a rainstorm. Prizes such as a dog bandana,

portable water bowl and night time leash light are given for correct answers (players get multiple chances to get a correct answer!) Everyone at the game hears a *Trash the Poop* sound byte. In addition, a public service video is posted on the big screen showing how dog owners can improve water quality in the Midlands by picking up after their pets and disposing of dog waste in the trash.



Lexington County and Columbia Stormwater staff at *Trash the Poop* display



Guests spin-the-wheel to play *Poop Trivia*

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TRASH THE POOP AT A LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH GAME!



The theme of the Lexington County Blowfish for 2019 is the Lexington County Fair! In keeping with the theme, a *Trash the Poop* carnival game will be provided on Dog Night, June 25th, by the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium*. Dog owners will receive a leash bag dispenser upon entering the stadium and a chance to win prizes by playing **Toss the Poop!** This game consists of tossing a bag of artificial dog poop into a trash can to win. Oh no! It landed on the grass or the street....now what? If

it rains, that poop will end up in a waterway by being washed into a storm drain causing contamination. Relax, it's just a game, remember! Contestants get another chance to win a prize, but hopefully, they will learn that in real life, our waterways are polluted by pet waste, and properly disposing of it can protect them. There's more to know about protecting our waters from stormwater runoff pollution. Come back on the July 26th, Fireworks night Blowfish game to have more fun, learn more clean water facts and win more prizes!

IMPORTANT DATES

Rain Barrel Workshop 10/25/19 Registration

Next LCSC Quarterly Meeting 8/15/2019

WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT.

On April 6, as part of *Green is Clean* month, Lexington County Solid Waste Management held a large recycling event at White Knoll High School. The event included paper shredding on site; electronics recycling; household hazardous waste and pesticide collection; Goodwill donations and gently used shoe donations. All of these collections save space in landfills, remove harmful pollution from the environment and allow recyclable materials to be reconstructed into useful products or reused in their current form. In the space of four hours, people in 453 vehicles

dropped off 20.20 tons of items that reduced clutter and potential pollution in and around their homes.



Electronics Recycling Station



Household Hazardous Waste Station

MORE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENTS



If you live in Lexington County and missed the earlier recycling drop-off events this year, you can save the dates of **August 10** and **October 12** to bring your recyclables and household hazardous wastes to the following locations:

August 10 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Lexington High School (Technology Center parking lot (enter from Hwy. 1), 2463 Augusta Hwy. Lexington. SC.

- Paper to be shredded, electronics, household hazardous waste & Goodwill donations

October 12: Irmo High School from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. (parking lot on corner of Westcott and St. Andrews Rd.) 6671 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC.

- Paper to be shredded, electronics, household hazardous waste, statewide pesticides (tentative) scrap metal, Goodwill donations..

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE AUGUST 10 & OCTOBER 12 EVENTS, click on links below.

- August 10th <https://lex-co.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/August%20Lexington%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>
- October 12 <https://lex-co.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/October%20Irmo%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>

FIRST GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL IN SOUTH CAROLINA!



Dutch Fork Elementary School in Lex/Rich5 received one of the U.S. Department of Education's National Green Ribbon Schools Awards—a first for South Carolina. This highly selective award from the United States Department of Education (USDE) was based on a variety of rigorous accomplishments related to reducing environmental impacts and costs; improving the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. This is quite an accomplishment for Dutch Fork Elementary, and for everyone in South Carolina. To learn more about the USDE Green Ribbon Schools program, click on the link. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html> .

Lake Murray Elementary School in Lexington District One received a free pet waste station through the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium's* Pet

PET WASTE STATION AT LAKE MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Waste Station program. A shady trail near the school playground is a popular place for people to walk their dogs, but pet waste on the ground poses a health hazard for students. On June 12, Lexington County Environmental Coordinator, Gary Price, together with Principal Jennifer Stanley, teachers and high school students who were on



Pet Waste Station Installed at Lake Murray Elementary School



campus, installed the pet waste station in a spot that dog walkers would see and be prompted to take a bag from the station to pick up after their pets. The process of putting the station together was recorded on video and posted on Lexington County Facebook on June 15th.

TOWN OF IRMO TAGS STORM DRAINS



During May, 2019 a project to install permanent stainless steel storm drain tags on 500 storm drains in the town of Irmo was completed. This project was led by Whitt Cline, Public Services Director and member of the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium* (the sponsor of this tagging.) Residents of Irmo cannot go far without seeing a blue and silver decal that bears the “*No Dumping...Drains to Waterway*” message over a storm drain.

On May 9, the WLTX TV’s *Street Squad Irmo* featured Mr. Cline and this storm drain tagging project. The video can be found on *WLTX Facebook under Street Squad—Irmo*. Mr. Cline explained how the Consortium is working on behalf of residents to maintain safe waterways, a critical aspect of which is to keep anything other than rain out of storm drains to reduce pollution of waterways such as Rawl’s Creek. He emphasized that motor oil, and yard waste are examples of things that should never be put down a storm drain. A tagged storm drain in the Friarsgate subdivision was shown in close-up to clarify that pollutants that enter that drain will go directly into Rawls Creek that leads to the Saluda River, since stormwater is not treated before entering waterways. Lets protect our natural resources: Don’t Dump!



These ladies finished their rain barrels in the garages of Lexington County Public Works on May 26th. This workshop was attended by 25 people each making and taking home a 55 gallon barrel in which to harvest rainwater. Rainwater is the best for plants, and water harvested in a rain

barrel can be used for household clean-ups, to wash the car, the pet, tools, even to fill up the tank of a toilet when the power goes out! The next “Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop” sponsored by the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium is scheduled for Friday, October 25. Please get in touch with Mary Hite, Stormwater Outreach Assistant at mhite@lex-co.com if you would like to be sent a flyer and registration form for this workshop when it becomes available. Space is limited to 25 attendees.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP WELL ATTENDED



It’s fun to make a rain barrel!
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The next meeting of the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium will be held on August 15, 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