



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

Rawls Creek Clean-Up



Credit: Blue Granite Water Co.

Rawls Creek After a Heavy Rain

The 1,000 year flood that hit the Midlands in October of 2015 caused dams to break, riverbanks to overflow and some homes flooded. On December 12th, a clean-up of Rawls Creek organized by the Town of Irmo, SC Flooding Commission & Blue Granite Water Co. was held in the Friarsgate Community. Forty six

(46) participants filled 20+ large bags with trash and disposed of other items that weren't in the bags. Eight trees were also removed from Rawls creek that had been damming up the creek when it rains. A simple clean-up like this can lessen the chance of future flooding.

HOW TO HANDLE HOLIDAY BOX OVERLOAD!

We all love to receive holiday boxes, but after they are opened, and the gifts within them are stored, all too often the life of the box ends in an already overcrowded landfill. This happens when cardboard gets put in the trash. It's just as easy to recycle a cardboard box. Just remove the contents, flatten the box and place it in your curbside recycling bin or take it to a collection and recycling center and place it in the cardboard box container. When you do this favor for a box, it gets to have another life as a recycled box and to make someone happy to use it or receive it!



Click on the link below for the 2020 Lexington County Holiday Recycling Guide:

<https://lex-co.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Holiday%20Recycling%20Guide-2020.pdf>

Click here for even More Lexington County Recycling Info:

<https://lex-co.sc.gov/departments/solid-waste-management/recycling>

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IMPORTANT DATES

Rawls Creek Clean-Up 12/12/2020

Next LCSC Quarterly Meeting 2/17/2021 in West Columbia

GRINDING OF THE GREENS

Keep the Midland's Beautiful announces recycling of natural undecorated Christmas trees at locations in Lexington and Richland Counties. Mark your calendar for **December 26–January 7**. Free mulch made from ground trees will become available on January 9. For Full information on locations to bring your tree for grinding, visit <https://www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org>.



RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT AT IRMO HIGH SCHOOL

October 3, 2020 – This event was jointly sponsored by Lexington and Richland Counties. **The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium contributes toward the cost of the hazardous waste collections.** 125 staff and volunteers served at this event that was the largest drop-off event recorded.

1,269 vehicles (61% from Lexington County & 39% from Richland County)

25.6 tons of electronics were collected

17.6 tons of Household Hazardous Waste

15 tons of paper was recycled on site

4.69 tons of scrap metal were collected

1.4 tons of household goods were donated

0.22 tons of cooking oil



Goodwill Donations



Entrance Check-In



Electronics Collection

[Click here](#) for more information on recycling in Lexington County.

LITTER PICK-UP IN SOUTH CONGAREE



On November 7, 2020 the Town of South Congaree conducted a “Clean Sweep” litter pick in conjunction with *Palmetto Pride*. The community event began at 9:00 a.m. and continued until sufficient litter had been removed from roadsides. Volunteers were recruited and provided with bags, safety gear, safety instructions and grabbers. Pic-

tured below were the results: 25-30 litter bags were filled! Everyone involved was pleased with cleaner roadsides and benefits to the environment of the reduction of potential stormwater runoff pollutants. Plans are in the works to schedule future pick-up events in South Congaree on a quarterly basis.



ARBOR DAY HONORS



Mrs. Angie Rye (Center), Chief Academic Officer for Lexington County School District three and South Carolina District Level Administrator of the Year was honored on Arbor Day, December 4th this year, with a red maple tree planted on the grounds of the District Office in acknowledgement of her achievement. Mrs. Rye is the first administrator in Lexington County School District Three to ever receive the prestigious title.

Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner, Barbara Padget and District Manager, John Oxner,

were on hand for the presentation of the tree which is located near the staff development room entrance of the building.

Pictured from left to right are John Oxner (Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Manager), Barbara Padget (Lexington Soil and Water District Commissioner), Angie Rye (Chief Academic Officer of Lexington County School District Three), Matt Velasquez (Principal of Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School) and Dr. Ashley Atkinson (Superintendent of Lexington County School District Three).

OCTOBER RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP



When the word went out on the Lexington County Facebook page that an in-person rain barrel workshop would be held in the Town of Lexington on October 23, the response was immediate and overwhelming.

Grandma/Granddaughter team make rain barrels

In no time, the workshop was filled to capacity (25 attendees) and a waiting list was generated. Since COVID-19, the ability to gather has been limited and people have missed joining with others of like interest to enjoy doing projects together. The staff of the new Bruner Road Utilities facility in the Town of Lexington did a great job of making sure that social distancing was followed in their classroom, that masks were worn by everyone and that the classroom was sanitized. The space in the open area was large enough for people to spread out, and everyone had a wonderful time learning about rain barrels as a best management practice to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff and be shown how to construct their rain barrel.

Volunteers from the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium from West Columbia, South Congaree, Town of Lexington and Lexington County were on hand to assist the workshop attendees. Everyone left with a rain barrel to take home in which to harvest rain for their gardens and to use for other purposes when rainfall is sparse. Future rain barrel workshops in 2021 will be announced when scheduled. Go to the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium website at www.LCSWC.com after the new year for a notification under Upcoming Events of future “Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops” Announcements will also appear on the Lexington County Facebook site.





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The next quarterly meeting of the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium* is Wednesday, February 17 from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the City of West Columbia...meeting room TBA

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

We're on the web LCSWC.com