

WATER WATCH

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

Keep the Midlands Beautiful Lakeside Litter Sweep on Lake Murray a Huge Success!

Keep the Midlands Beautiful (KMB) 2023 annual Lakeside Litter Sweep event held on Saturday, September 16th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm was a huge success! A total of 470 volunteers and support personnel removed litter and recyclables from Lake Murray's shorelines, boat ramps, parks, islands, and even from underwater, as well as roadways. These hard-working volunteers removed a total of 9,278 pounds of litter from the shores and below the surface of dozens of islands and boat landings, parks, roadways, and shoreline neighborhoods. The event was held in conjunction with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources "Beach Sweep, River Sweep" day. Wateree Dive Center divers and support personnel collected 1600 pounds of the total trash collected at an area marina. For comparison, in 2022, KMB had 235 participants and 5,783 pounds of litter was picked up. "The big turnout shows that area citizens really do care about this Midlands natural resource and want to help keep it clean.",

says Laura Blake-Orr, KMB Program Admin-



istrator. This was truly a community event! Thank you to Keep the Midlands Beautiful for putting the event on!

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IMPORTANT DATES

*Sept 25-30:
Stormwater
Awareness Week*

*Oct 20 @ 9 am - 3
pm: Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection—Ecoflo*

*Oct 21 @ 9 am—3
pm: Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection—Ecoflo*

Household Hazardous Waste

Lexington County Solid Waste Management, along with Ecoflo and LCSC, is offering Household Hazardous Waste drop-off opportunities to Lexington County Residents this fall and winter. Read the flyer below for the dates and times.



LEXINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY HHW DROP-OFF **NO BUSINESS MATERIALS ACCEPTED
PROOF OF COUNTY RESIDENCE
REQUIRED**

*Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Opportunities *FALL 2023 Q4*



Friday • October 20th • 9AM- 3PM
Saturday • October 21st • 9AM- 3PM
@Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington
*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

Friday • November 17th • 9AM- 3PM
Saturday • November 18th • 9AM- 3PM
@Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington
*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

Friday • December 1st • 9AM- 3PM
Saturday • December 2nd • 9AM- 3PM
@Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington
*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION



Accepted Materials Include:

- Acids
- Brake fluid
- Bug spray
- Carburetor cleaner
- Degreasers
- E-cigarettes
- Fertilizer w/ weed killer
- Fire extinguishers
- Furniture stripper
- Glue with solvents
- Insect killer
- Lighter fluid
- Lithium Ion Batteries
- Mercury including thermometers, thermostats and debris
- Mothballs
- Paint, liquid (limit 8 gal)
- Paint related materials (ex. thinner)
- Pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides
- Polish with solvents
- Pool chemicals
- Roach and ant poison
- Rodent bait
- Spot remover
- Spray paint
- Stain, varnish and lacquer
- Turpentine
- Weed killer
- Wood preservatives



*Contact Us: 803-785-3325
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What is Household Hazardous Waste?

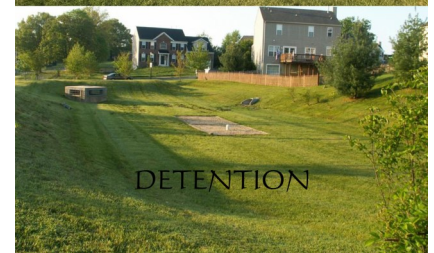
Interested in the HHW event but don't know what that means? Well you are in the right place! According to the EPA, Household Hazardous Waste is anything toxic, corrosive, ignitable, or reactive in your house. This can be anything from pesticides to paint to car batteries and more. These materials (as well as the others listed on the flyer) are too dangerous for both humans and the environment to dispose of regularly, as they seep harmful chemical or even cause fires. Luckily, Lexington County makes it easy for HHW disposal! If you have any of these accepted materials just lying around in your house from your spring cleaning and summer renovations, make sure to attend one of these dates before the new year.

Stormwater BMPs

Stormwater BMPs, or Best Management Practices, are used to reduce water pollution. They can be structural, such as rain gardens and detention ponds, or non-structural. BMPs are focused on pollutant reduction and preservation of natural resources. Regular inspection and maintenance is required for the County's structural BMP ponds to



make sure they are working efficiently. With these measures in place, less pollutants are entering our waterways and disrupting ecosystems. Can you tell the difference from a detention and retention pond?



Only Rain Down the Drain!

Autumn is officially here and the leaves are falling. While it is a beautiful sight, it wreaks havoc on the storm drains. It may seem harmless to let leaves and other yard waste go down the drains, but it actually hurts the waterway. As they break down in the water, the leaves release phosphorus and nitrogen into our water, contributing to harmful algae blooms. HABs block the light from entering the water and use up all of the dissolved oxygen. Without light and oxygen, the organisms in the water will die. HABs are not safe for humans either, as we can see on the news during Florida's "red tide." Luckily, excess leaves are an easy problem to prevent. When raking, collect the leaves and properly dispose of them. This can be in a backyard compost or put with your trash bins on the curb. If you want the yard waste to be recycled into mulch or compost, they must be taken to a Lexington Collection and Recycling Center with a CLEAN WOOD WASTE container or to the Edmund Landfill's compost facility. If you notice a local storm drain is covered in leaves, you can help out and sweep the leaves off and collect them appropriately. Remember this fall: Only rain down the drain!

Please
clean me!



Thank you for Keeping
me clean!





Contact Information

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The next quarterly meeting of the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium* is Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in the Town of Pine Ridge

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