

»»» LCSC PRESENTS «««

WATER WATCH

Keeping you informed about local stormwater issues and LCSC activities



The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) is comprised of the following communities: Lexington County, Cities of Cayce and West Columbia, and the Towns of South Congaree, Springdale, Irmo, Pine Ridge, and Lexington.

We seek to protect the natural resources in Lexington County from pollution caused by residential and business activities. We accomplish this by the following:

- (1) Creating a model collaborative water quality education program,
- (2) Fostering citizen involvement and encouraging behavioral change, and
- (3) Enforcing state and local stormwater regulations.

Through these accomplishments, we strive to achieve clean and healthy streams, rivers, lakes, and groundwater.

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

GOT A CONCERN?

»»» **READ MORE ON PG. 1**

Have you seen someone illegally dump something down a storm drain? Let us know by filling out a report!

READ MORE ON PG. 2 «««

The practice of stormwater management isn't just something the County does for fun--it's the law! Check out these federal laws that dictate the field of stormwater.

FOLLOW THE RULES, SKIP THE CONSEQUENCES

LOCAL STORMWATER INFO

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

➤➤➤ REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Did you know that there are ways to report environmental concerns to both the County and the State? You can report any of the following to the State:

- Environmental and Food Complaint
- Chemical Spills, Oil Spills, and Fish Kills
- Pollution
- Illegal Dumping
- Water-Related Concern
- Open Burning or Air Quality Concern
- Abandoned Boats or Coastal Concerns
- Tanning Facility Complaint

To report any one of these concerns to the State, you can visit:
<https://des.sc.gov/report-it>

For Lexington County, the Stormwater Management team directly accepts reports of illicit discharge observed in the County. If you see dumping or any other illegal discharge into or near a storm drain, stream, ditch, or lake in Lexington County, please report it. Do NOT use this form to file complaints related to water supply, wastewater, flooding, or a construction site. You are able to complete this form anonymously, if desired. To report an illicit discharge with Lexington County, please use this form: [Illicit Discharge Reporting Form](#)

STORMWATER-RELATED FEDERAL LAWS

MANAGEMENT OF STORMWATER ISN'T JUST THE GOOD THING TO DO--IT'S THE LAW!

➤➤➤ CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) OF 1972

The Clean Water Act is the cornerstone of U.S. federal water pollution control. It sets the framework for regulating discharges of pollutants into waterbodies and regulating quality standards for surface waters. The main goal of the CWA is to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters by preventing point source (direct discharge) and nonpoint source (stormwater runoff) pollution.

➤➤➤ SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA) OF 1974

The Safe Drinking Water Act addresses the protection of drinking water sources. This indirectly affects stormwater management by requiring states to protect source water areas. Urban stormwater runoff can carry contaminants that affect groundwater quality or contaminate drinking water supplies, making stormwater management important for protecting public water systems.

➤➤➤ WATER QUALITY ACT (WQA) OF 1987

The Water Quality Act amended the CWA and expanded the regulation of stormwater discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The WQA accomplishes this by focusing on urban runoff. This act requires the EPA to address stormwater runoff from both large and small municipal systems. The WQA also created guidelines for controlling pollutants from construction activities.

➤➤➤ OIL POLLUTION ACT (OPA) OF 1990

The Oil Pollution Act regulates discharges of oil into U.S. waters (including stormwater) that might carry oil and hazardous substances. Although the OPA is not strictly focused on general stormwater management, it impacts stormwater discharges from certain industries.



DATES, INFO, & FYIS

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**February 22,
2025**

2373 Calks Ferry Road
Lexington, SC 29073
9 a.m. until 12 noon

TO SIGN UP, VISIT
[BIT.LY/CALKSFERRY](https://bit.ly/calksferry)



Spotless Service Saturday: Feb. 22, 2025, please pre-register.
The first Spotless Service Saturday of the year will address Lexington County's Calks Ferry Road on Feb. 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon. We will meet up at Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, located at 2373 Calks Ferry Road in Lexington.

PAPER SHRED EVENT

FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS
ONLY



29 MARCH 2025

9AM - 12 NOON

Leesville College Park
423 College St.
(at the end of Main St.)
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Keep the Midlands Beautiful**

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KMBSC.org

THE TOWN OF
Batesburg-Leesville



NO Business (Commercial, school, church) materials

ONLY Lexington County residents

LIMITS: 5 copy paper sized boxes or 5 (13-gallon sized) bags of paper

Please only bring papers with important personal information. Recycle any junk mail, advertisements or other papers that do not contain personal information.

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