

»»» 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.

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**STORMWATER.
IT'S SNOW JOKE.**



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How melting snow affects stormwater runoff.

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Funds may be available to you!



**LEXINGTON COUNTY –
SEPTIC GRANT**

**UPCOMING EVENTS,
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You won't want to miss this!



STORMWATER. IT'S SNOW JOKE.

➤➤ Melting Snow and Stormwater Runoff

Although we often think of rain when we think of stormwater, melting snow can also become stormwater runoff, capable of transporting pollutants to our local creeks, rivers, and streams.

Since snow cannot infiltrate into the ground like rain, it usually accumulates and starts melting all at once, contributing to large-scale stormwater events, excess runoff, and even flooding during the winter months

With leaves and organic debris still leftover from the fall and de-icing salts now covering our streets, stormwater has the perfect opportunity to carry these contaminants into our storm drains.

Penn State University offers some helpful tips to manage and reduce harmful winter stormwater runoff:

- Shovel/plow snow into areas where it can infiltrate when it melts (flat areas, away from streams, or uphill of rain gardens).
- Do not pile snow onto storm drains.
- Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly. Sweep up any remaining material after the snow or ice melts.
- Postpone outdoor construction projects in the winter when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt and make plans to improve these areas in the spring using native plants to slow and stop erosion.

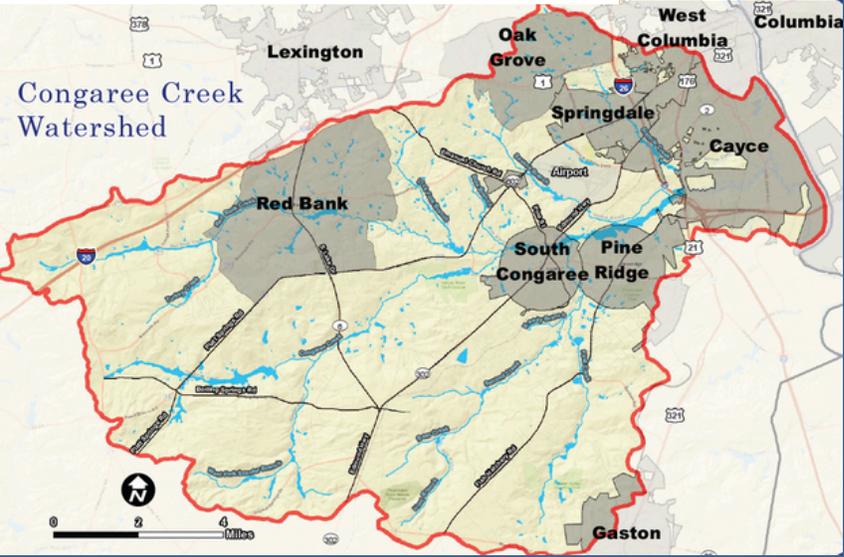
Lexington County – Septic Grant

Funds may be available to you!



CONGAREE CREEK WATERSHED

IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS, **YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM MAY NEED TO BE REPAIRED.**



- Damp/soggy areas in the yard during dry weather, near the drainfield or tank
- Sewage odor near drainlines or tank
- Areas of the yard with bright green/spongy/ lush grass, even during dry weather
- Discharging untreated wastewater to the ground surface

Learn more here!



Check map <https://tinyurl.com/Congaree319> to see if you are in the Congaree Creek Watershed.



lcswc.com/water-quality-grants/

*** Must be in the Lexington County Congaree Creek Watershed. Program is first come, first served while funding is available!**

Contact 319Grant@lexingtoncounty.sc.gov

or 803.785.8121 with questions or to submit application material!



SC DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Grant funding is provided through an award from the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) to protect water quality in the Congaree Creek Watershed. This project is being funded, in part, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and made possible by SCDES.



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>>> HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

For Lexington County Residents Only. Head on over to the Republic Services Collection Center (1741 Calks Ferry Road) to responsibly dispose of your hazardous waste items! See the list of accepted materials below. The drop off dates are **Friday, February 20th 9AM-3PM** and **Saturday, February 21st 9AM-3PM**.

**Accepted Materials Include:**

- Acids
- Brake fluid
- Bug spray
- Car Wax
- 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
- Nail Polish Remover
- Paint, liquid (limit 8 gal)
- Paint related materials (ex. thinner)
- Perfume (Body Sprays)
- 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

>>> SPOTLESS SERVICE SATURDAY

Join Keep the Midlands Beautiful for the second Spotless Service Saturday of the year! From **10AM-12PM on February 7, 2026**, you can help clean up Lexington County's Watling Road.

Register and get more information here: <https://bit.ly/feb2026sss>

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