

»»» 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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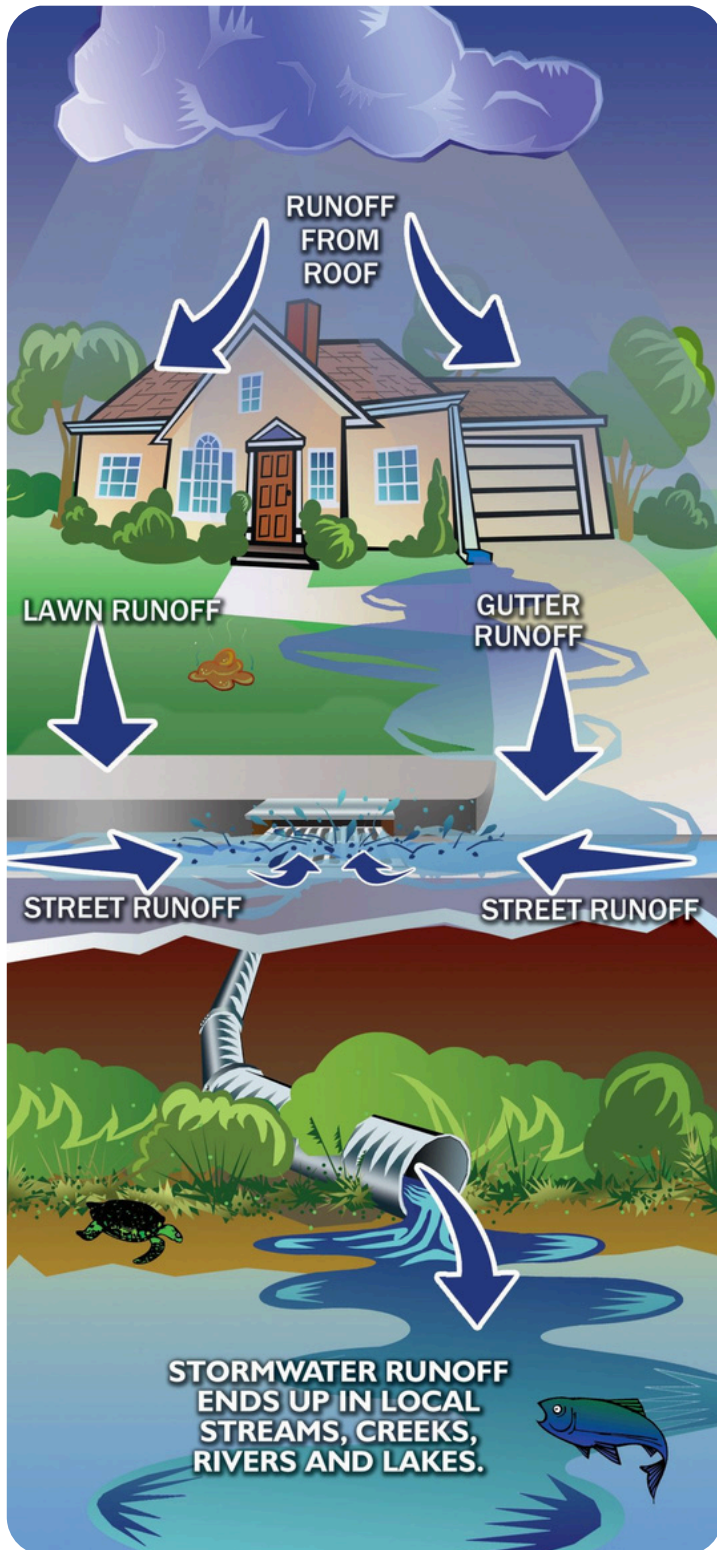
You won't want to miss this!



**UPCOMING EVENTS,
INFO, & FYIS**

SPRING RESET: WHERE A CLEAN YARD MEETS CLEAN WATER

»»» A Stormwater Survival Guide



In the midst of Spring, managing your yard can be daunting. There are not only aesthetic concerns to worry about but the unknown environmental impacts as well.

We're here to provide you with simple ways to be more efficient and stormwater-friendly in your yard this Spring. All it takes is a little preparation and a few easy steps!

1. Evaluate your lawn.

- Clemson University offers soil testing right in Lexington County at the their extension office located at **605 West Main St., Suite. F, Lexington, SC 292072.**
- Here you can assess what your soil needs before you start planting—saving you money, time, and excess fertilizers!

2. Follow proper yard waste disposal.

- Refer to [Lexington County Solid Waste](#) to choose the best option for you!
- Consider composting yard waste as an eco-friendly alternative.

3. Incorporate stormwater management practices into your design.

- Redirecting downspouts and installing rain gardens, rain barrels, and permeable pavers are just some of the many ways you can protect stormwater quality.

This spring, do your part to mitigate the amount of runoff, erosion, and harmful contaminants before they reach your local streams.

References:

- [Clemson Extension](#)
- [Chagrin River Watershed Partners](#)

SPRING INTO ACTION

➤➤➤ Strive for Stormwater Bingo this Spring!

B I N G O

PLANT A RAIN GARDEN	INSPECT YOUR CAR FOR LEAKS	USE A FERTILIZER ALTERNATIVE	WATER YOUR LAWN IN THE EARLY MORNING	WASH YOUR CAR ON THE GRASS
PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE	USE NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR GARDEN	START A COMPOST BIN	PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN	ATTEND A HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF
BUILD A RAIN CHAIN	ATTEND A BACKYARD BENEFITS WORKSHOP	FREE	INSTALL PERMEABLE PAVERS	CLEAR DEBRIS FROM A STORM DRAIN
TELL A FRIEND ABOUT STORMWATER	REDIRECT YOUR DOWNSPOUT	ATTEND A PAPER SHRED EVENT	DON'T PUT ANY FOWGS DOWN THE DRAIN	GET YOUR ADOPT-A-STREAM CERTIFICATION
PICK UP YOUR PET WASTE	VISIT THE LCSC WEBSITE	SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR OUR SEPTIC GRANT	ATTEND A LITTER CLEAN UP	INSTALL A RAIN BARREL

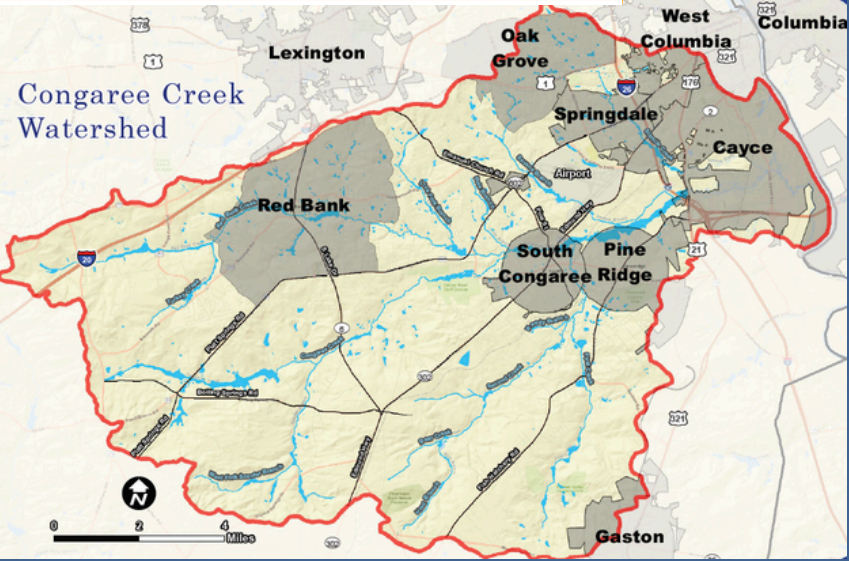
Lexington County – Septic Grant

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS, INFO, & FYIS

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, May 22nd 9AM-3PM** and **Saturday, May 23rd 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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

Join Keep the Midlands Beautiful on **May 16th** for their Paper Shred Event! As a **Lexington County Resident**, take advantage of this safe and secure way to dispose of your personal documents. The event will take place at **Red Bank Crossing** (1070 S Lake Dr, Suite H) from **9AM-12PM**.



PAPER SHRED EVENT

FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY



MAY 16, 2026

9AM - 12 NOON

Red Bank Crossing
1070 S Lake Dr STE H,
Lexington, SC 29073

- Must show a valid ID or Driver's License
- No business material accepted
- Paper must be dry
- Remove all metal and binders EXCEPT paper clips, staples, and rubber bands
- Boxes will be returned to your vehicle
- Please remain in your vehicles
- Event will end promptly at noon or when the truck is full

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Learn more at lcswc.com

 County of Lexington, SC



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Monetary donations and items from our Amazon wish list are appreciated!



Amazon Wish List