

NEWS DRAIN

STORMWATER NEWS YOU CAN USE

STORMWATER 101

What exactly is stormwater and why should you care about it?



Stormwater is water that falls to the ground (or roof or roadway!) and then travels to a body of water like a stream, creek or river.

Stormwater needs to be routed to local creeks because as we have developed raw land into housing developments, businesses and stores, we have reduced the amount of land where stormwater would naturally be absorbed.

Stormwater travels through grates and pipes straight to the closest body of water. That's right. Stormwater doesn't go through any type of treatment or cleaning process before it reaches our streams, creeks and rivers--and eventually the ocean!

That is why it is so important to keep trash and debris out of our stormwater. You can do your part and sign up for our [Adopt-a-Storm Drain program!](#)

Stormwater Staff complete Clemson Certification

Congratulations to our stormwater department staff who have recently completed their Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspector course. The purpose of the Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspector (CEPSCI) Program is to educate field personnel on the proper installation, maintenance and inspection of erosion prevention and sediment control measures at construction sites.

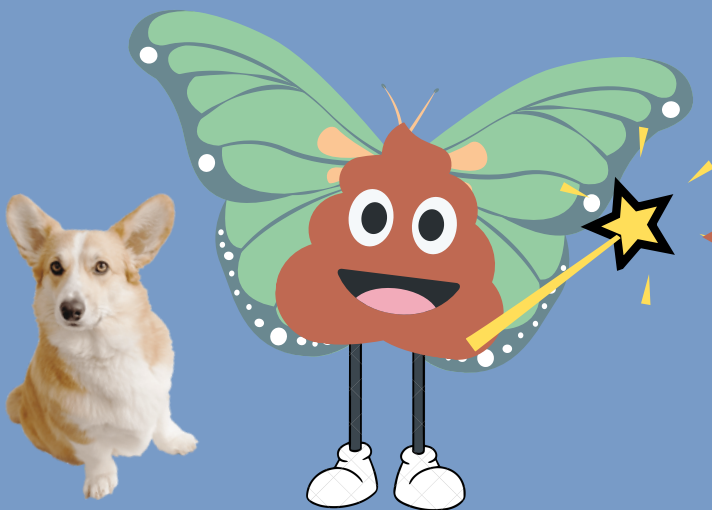


Adopt-a-Stream Volunteer Water Testing to Begin

New SC Adopt-a-Stream volunteers will begin monthly water quality testing this month. Volunteers will check out a kit provided by Town of Fort Mill Stormwater department to test their location for dissolved oxygen, pH and E.coli. These results will be uploaded to the SC Adopt-a-Stream program's website and shared with DHEC.



There is no poop fairy.



Pick up after your pet to protect our shared waterways!

If you are a pet owner, make sure you are doing your "doody" and picking up after your pet! Pet waste in our waterways is not only a disgusting thought, it can lead to high E.coli levels where we swim and play!

Mark your Calendar!

Stories & Shaved Ice

