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Join us for the Cultivating a Carolina Yard workshop!

Clemson Extension's Carolina Yards program is hosting a workshop next month in the PSD's Community Room!

Learn to create healthy, watershed-friendly landscapes in your own yard with this

free workshop on Thursday, August 15, from 1-3 p.m.

Clemson Extension's Carolina Yards program teaches how simple and effective gardening methods can create a low-maintenance yard that works with nature rather than against it. Join Clemson Extension Agent Ellen Sturup Comeau at the Hilton Head PSD Community Room for a 90-minute, hands-on workshop to learn how to maintain healthy soil, water wisely, and reduce runoff from your home landscape!

Should you require special accommodations due to a disability, please notify the program provider at ecomeau@clemson.edu or 843-473-6023.

Register for the free workshop on [Eventbrite!](#)

It's Smart Irrigation Month!

Water smarter by installing a WaterSense-labeled irrigation controller.



July is Smart Irrigation Month!

If you're watering your lawn using a clock-timed systems, you could be a lot smarter by installing a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller, which can do the thinking for you in terms of when and how much to water.

Visit www.epa.gov/watersense/irrigation-controllers/ to get smart about watering!

Need help getting your irrigation system in tip-top shape?

Go with a pro to assist with water savings for #SmartIrrigationMonth!

Irrigation professionals certified by a WaterSense labeled program can help you reduce your water consumption, save money, and maintain a healthy and beautiful landscape by maximizing the efficiency of your irrigation system.

All too often, landscape irrigation wastes water. Properly managing your irrigation system can help you reduce your annual outdoor water use by nearly 8,800 gallons, equivalent to the amount of water used to take 500 showers!

Many homeowners hire contractors to install and service their in-ground irrigation system and maintain their landscapes. Irrigation professionals with the skills and knowledge assessed by a WaterSense labeled certification program can help you improve the health and water efficiency of your outdoor space.

Learn more from our WaterSense partner [here](#).

Make sure to follow Hilton Head's irrigation ordinance this summer

That means your irrigation controller must have a working rain gauge — and you should only water your lawn no more than twice per week.

We also ask that you avoid watering your lawn during the heat of the day. Instead, water early in the morning or in the evening, after it has cooled off a bit outside.

You can learn more about smart irrigation on our website by clicking the link below.

[More Water Efficiency Tips](#)



WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Hilton Head Public Service District
for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report provides information on the quality of your drinking water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all drinking water suppliers to provide their customers with a water quality report on an annual basis. This report contains information on the source of your water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Radúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Hilton Head PSD is governed by an elected Board of Commissioners. The PSD Commission typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the PSD Community Room at our Water Resource Center at 21 Oak Park Drive off Mathews Drive on Hilton Head Island.

If you have questions about this report or about the water provided to you by the PSD, please contact PSD Water Quality Laboratory Supervisor Sarah Hickman at (843) 681-5525 or Info@hhpsd.com.



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Water Quality Report

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HILTON HEAD PSD COMMISSION CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE

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PERIOD BEGINS JULY 15



Hilton Head PSD Commission candidate filing notice

The Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) Commission will have four seats up for election during the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. One seat each in PSD Voting Districts 2, 3, 4, and 6, will be up for election. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms.

The filing period begins July 15 and ends at noon on August 15. All candidates must reside in and be currently registered to vote in the PSD Voting District for which they are seeking office. Candidates' voter registration must match their current residence at the time of the election.

Citizens who are interested in filing for candidacy must do so in person at the PSD Customer Service Center at 21 Oak Park Drive off Mathews Drive, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by arranging to sign the Statement

of Intention of Candidacy – Nonpartisan form in the presence of the PSD’s General Manager or authorized representative. The filing form is available at the PSD or may be downloaded from the S.C. Election Commission website:

<https://scvotes.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SEC-FRM-1008-200912-Statement-of-Intention-of-Candidacy-Nonpartisan.pdf>

Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <https://ethics.sc.gov/>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

Filing questions can be directed to the PSD General Manager at (843) 681-5525 or info@hhpsd.com . More information about the Commission is available at: <https://hhpsd.com/commission/>.

IT'S HURRICANE SEASON. MAKE SURE YOU STAY PREPARED!



#STORMREADY

The Atlantic has already seen its first major hurricane this season. Rapidly intensifying to a Category 5 hurricane by July 1, Hurricane Beryl was the earliest Cat 5 hurricane on record — and one of the earliest storms to undergo such rapid intensification.

[For some perspective, the Atlantic doesn't typically see a major hurricane \(Cat 3 or higher\) until September.](#)

Forecasters are now predicting an even [more active hurricane season](#) than previously thought.

Now's the time to prepare in case a hurricane does head our way.

Make sure you have a stocked emergency kit, know your zone & evacuation route, know how to properly store drinking water, and know how to protect your home

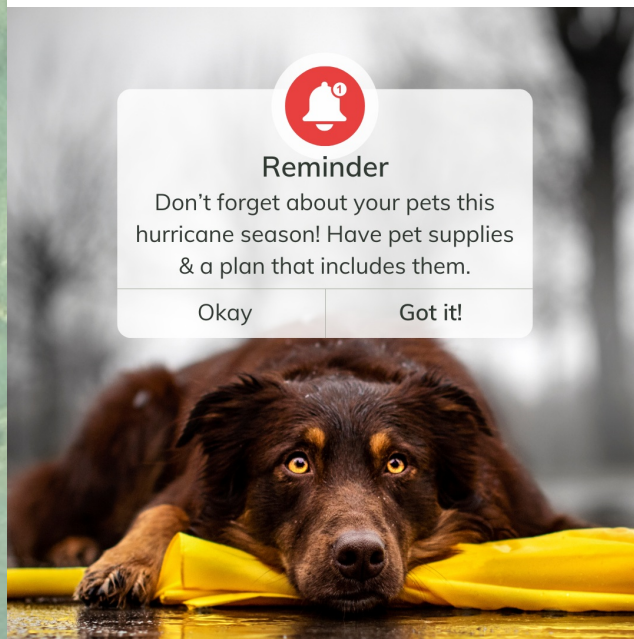
There are many different ways you can prepare now in case a storm does head our way this season:

- Keep a stocked hurricane kit that includes food & water to last at least 3 days, a first aid kit, personal hygiene items, flash lights and other emergency items. You can find a comprehensive list [here](#).

- Make sure you're properly storing drinking water in clean, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers and keep those containers in a cool, dark location.
- Know how to prepare your home. This should include knowing where your water shut-off valve is located, how to protect your water heater, and having supplies like sandbags, plywood or storm shutters ready to go.
- Make a plan! If a hurricane does head for our area, you'll need to know your [zone](#) and [evacuation routes](#) in case a mandatory evacuation is ordered.
- Prepare a "go bag" to grab in case of an evacuation. This should include any important documents (birth certificates, etc.), prescription medications, glasses or contacts, toiletries, a change of clothes or two, and any comfort items you'd like to have with you (or have for a child or family member).

Make sure to follow local officials in the event a storm does head our way. To keep up with hurricane forecasts, follow the National Hurricane Center on social media and see daily updated forecasts on their website, nhc.noaa.gov.

Don't forget about your pets when making your hurricane plan!



Your emergency kit should include your pets' needs as well — food, water, any medications and maybe a few comfort items like a blanket or toy.

Your "go-bag" should include your pets' paperwork (especially vaccination records) with your important paperwork!

You should also make sure you have an evacuation plan in place that includes your pets, as most storm shelters that open in our area do not allow pets.

Research pet-friendly hotels ahead of time or plan to stay with a friend or family member. Hotels are not required to allow pets during an evacuation, though many pet-friendly hotels will waive their pet fees.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has a guide for making an emergency plan that involves your pets [here](#).

You can find more information on Beaufort County storm shelters [here](#).



Water Tip:



Know the location of your water meter and keep it clean and clear for regular readings, maintenance and emergencies.

Don't waste water this summer!



Only run full loads
in the dishwasher &
washer



Use a pool cover
to reduce
evaporation



Aim for 5-minute
showers



Save water used
for rinsing
produce to water
indoor plants



Don't use your
sprinkler during
the heat of the
day



Are your kids flushing toys down the toilet?

If your little one has tried to make their toys go “swimming” in the potty this summer, we know the struggle.

Flushing toys won't just cause a mess — it can cause extensive (and EXPENSIVE) damage to your pipes.

So if you need a little help teaching them *why* toys and wipes can't go down the toilet, we've got you covered.

Head to our “What Not To Flush” page

for free resources, including a fun experiment that will show kids why you can't flush wipes. Just follow the link below!



What Not To Flush



THERE'S STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS.

Lowcountry Community Indicators

The Lowcountry region—Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties—experienced unprecedented growth, development, and change between 1990 and 2005. Between 2007 and 2010, a nationwide economic downturn negatively affected the region. Since 2011, the regional economy has shown signs of continuously rebounding. There is a great deal of quantitative information and data available that both confirms and explains what has taken place.

To continue monitoring and evaluating the state of the Lowcountry region, the Lowcountry Community Indicators (LCI) Project was initiated. The LCI consolidates the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's Community Indicators Report and the Lowcountry Council of Governments' the People and the Economy Report. These two reports are complementary, providing common criteria and metrics related to the Lowcountry region.

The main objective of the LCI is to provide a centralized community

resource offering relevant indicators that help support informed decision-making. The LCI will assist citizen leaders, public officials and policy makers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, researchers, and the media in making decisions to positively affect the community's well-being.

The LCI offers key indicators for the region that are understandable, meaningful, and accessible through its website www.lowcountrycommunityindicators.org. The website allows users to view, navigate to, and download specific, relevant indicators of each topic mentioned above. In addition, the user will have the ability to locate all the data for one specific county or compare the data for all four counties.

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to provide feedback, please contact info@lowcountrycommunityindicators.org.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, visit www.cf-lowcountry.org; and to learn more about Lowcountry Council of Governments, visit www.lowcountrycog.org.

Community Happenings

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
HILTON HEAD ISLAND**

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39th Annual Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff & Jeep Island

The 39th Annual Kiwanis Club of Hilton Head Island Chili Cook Off & Jeep Island Presented by Hampton by Hilton will take place from Noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.12, at Lowcountry Celebration Park, 94 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island. The event raises much-needed funding for local youth charities. Learn more & sign up to cook or sponsor the event [here](#).



Harbourfest at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina

HarbourFest is an all summer long celebration that takes over Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina with fireworks, spinning hats, carnival games, face painting, music and more with the very popular entertainment of Shannon Tanner and Cappy the Clown. The festival events begin annually on Memorial Day Weekend and spans the whole summer through Labor Day Weekend.

Tuesday and Thursday nights hold all the flair with fireworks on Tuesdays and Shannon Tanner's Oyster Reefers band on Thursdays. Learn more [here](#).

Hilton Head PSD Affiliations

We are proud to partner with the following organizations.





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