South Carolina’s Watersheds
10 Ways to Protect Them

Think before you pour. Many hazardous products flow from household drains through sewage treatment plants and into coastal bodies of water.

Learn more about watersheds! Search the many educational websites regarding watersheds to find out more. Start with www.northinlet.sc.edu

Keep septic systems working properly. Pump your system every three years.

Pave less. Hard surfaces hasten runoff and increase pollution and erosion.

Take Action! Organize a stream or beach clean up. Encourage your local newspaper to write a story and encourage your local government to use best management practices.

Use native plants. Garden and landscape with plants native to your area to reduce the need for watering and fertilization.

Create less. Hard surfaces hasten runoff and increase pollution and erosion.

Create non-toxic pesticides. A bit of soap and water does the job and keeps harmful chemicals from ending up in nearby waterways.

Create environmentally friendly household cleaning products. Use borax, baking soda and white vinegar solutions for all your cleaning needs.

Preserve natural areas. Natural areas play an important role in providing us with clean water and healthy ecosystems.

Conserve Water. Install water saving devices at your home and think about harvesting rainwater.