



James Island Public Service District  
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### Global Recycling Day is March 18th

Every year, the earth yields billions of tons of natural resources to transform into consumables. At some point, there will be nothing left. That's why we must think again about what we throw away – seeing not waste, but opportunity.

Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. It is a day for the world to come together and put the planet first.

Visit [globalrecyclingday.com](http://globalrecyclingday.com) to learn more.

Remember: JIPSD does NOT provide your recycling services. Questions regarding the recycling program should be directed to the Charleston County Environmental Management department at (843) 720-7111.



Regular Commission meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. For meeting agendas visit us online at [www.jipsd.org](http://www.jipsd.org)

### Stormwater and Wastewater Systems

The wastewater system is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from your home or place of business until it reaches the wastewater treatment plant at Plum Island, there it is treated and discharged into the Charleston Harbor.

The stormwater system is a separate system from the wastewater system designed to carry rainfall that can't be absorbed into the ground. Stormwater that does not soak into the ground becomes surface runoff, which either flows directly into surface ditches or is channeled into storm drains, which discharges to our streams, rivers and large water bodies like the harbor. Remember when there is a high tide the stormwater can't always drain out until the tide goes out.

It is important to know the difference between your wastewater and stormwater system and you should also know who is responsible for the operations and maintenance of these systems.

JIPSD Wastewater Services is **only** responsible for the operation and maintenance of your wastewater system until it reaches the Plum Island treatment plant operated by Charleston Water System. Your wastewater is collected through the wastewater gravity mains and pumping stations then sent to the wastewater treatment plant.

During times of excessive rainfall stormwater can get into the wastewater system through broken cleanout caps or manholes that are not normally under water. You can report damaged wastewater cleanouts by calling 843-795-2345 or by submitting an online work request at <https://www.jipsd.org/wastewater-cleanout-work-requests/>.

If you are having a stormwater problem, you can contact the offices below:

- Charleston County Public Works @ 843-202-7600
- City of Charleston Public Service @ 843 724-3754
- SCDOT Charleston Dispatch @ 843 740-1655
- Town of James Island @ 843 795-4141

#### Educational Videos:

CWS Wastewater Treatment Process  
Courtesy of Charleston Water System  
<https://youtu.be/xvi-dRVA9Tg>

Where Does Stormwater Go  
Courtesy of CarolinaClear  
[https://youtu.be/MQOIb\\_OnSjM](https://youtu.be/MQOIb_OnSjM)

