



# Keowee Harbours

## New Residents Package

Welcome Home!



KHCSA – Board & ACC  
www.keoweeharbours.com  
102 Beacon Ridge  
Salem, SC 29676

Dear New Property Owners,

On behalf of Keowee Harbours' residents, the Keowee Harbours Community Service Association (KHCSA) Board and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) welcome you to our community.

We are providing you with this 7 page 'starter' packet of important Keowee Harbours' information that we encourage you to review and retain for reference and resource purposes. It includes general information about Keowee Harbours, services and recreation in the area, and some "how to " Covenant guidelines, listed below, when making modifications to your property.

- Lot and Home Information
  - ACC applications that need to be submitted for construction, property modifications, et al. The time needed for review of applications is also presented.
- Covenant IX: Community Requirements and Restrictions and its subsections
  - where answers to many of the most frequently encountered/asked questions of new owners can be found.
- Fire Safety information and guidelines
- Lakeshore property regulator contact information

Since our website contains a great deal of information, including Board and Committee meeting minutes, resident phone lists, etc., we encourage all residents to register at [www.keoweeharbours.com](http://www.keoweeharbours.com) (go to "create new account" page and register) on the website in order to obtain access to this information. Current Covenants can also be found on the website under *prospective owners*, then under *governing documents*.

If you have any ACC or Board related questions please feel free to contact; the ACC Chair or other members of the ACC and/or the Board President or Board members, listed on the Keowee Harbours resident phone list.

Thank you for your cooperation.

KHCSA Board

# KEOWEE HARBOURS

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

### **NEW OWNER - LOT AND HOME INFORMATION**

#### FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND/OR HOME EXTERIOR CHANGES

For new home construction, or modification of existing homes, outdoor structures, parking, etc. including but not limited to; alterations, additions, and changes in color, materials, roofing, etc., **applications** must be submitted by residents/owners to the ACC for review and approval prior to work being done.

The ACC meets once each month (usually the second week) and applications must be received by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month in order to be considered at the monthly meeting.

ACC applications that are available for use may be downloaded or printed from the Keowee Harbours website, [www.keoweeharbours.com](http://www.keoweeharbours.com). Login to the website and click on the Community Information on the left side, then click on Documents, then click on Architectural Control Committee (ACC ) to obtain the appropriate application. See Covenant VII, 7.1 for detailed descriptions.

Covenant and Bylaws section VI. ACC Construction Applications and Procedures

#### 7.1 ACC Applications

- a. Application for New House Construction
- b. Application for Commercial Construction on Exhibit B, Commercial Property
- c. Application for External Modifications to Existing House or Building
- d. Application for Outdoor Structures
- e. Application for Parking Areas on Undeveloped lots

The ACC recommends that when in doubt about whether ACC approval is needed, submit an application for the work that is planned.

# Covenants and Bylaws of the Homeowners Association

Complete Covenants and Bylaws for Keowee Harbours can be found at [www.keoweeharbours.com](http://www.keoweeharbours.com) under Community Information, and Governing Documents. We encourage you to be familiar with them.

Listed below is an important *Covenant section stating guiding requirements and restrictions that help ensure with every resident's cooperation and compliance that the features and qualities of the community that influenced our decisions to buy and build here will continue.*

## **IX. COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

This section states the restrictions and requirements with which Owners, tenants and/or occupants of houses or buildings on property described in *Exhibit A* and *Exhibit B* shall comply when applicable. Unless otherwise specified, the Board enforces the requirements and restrictions contained in this section for Residential Property. The ACC oversees the applicable requirements and restrictions with regards to the Commercial Property described in *Exhibit B*.

### **9.1 Property Maintenance, Trees, Hobbies, Landscaping & Outdoor Storage**

- a. *Maintenance of Developed Property*
- b. *Maintenance of Undeveloped Property*
- c. *Tree Cutting*
- d. *Landscaping on Lake Keowee Shoreline*
- e. *Hobbies*
- f. *Outdoor Storage:*

### **9.2 Outdoor Structures, Fencing, Walls and Clotheslines**

### **9.3 Garbage and Yard Debris**

### **9.4 Mailboxes and Newspaper Receptacles**

### **9.5 Signs**

### **9.6 Docks, Riprap, Irrigation Systems, and Houseboats**

### **9.7 Exterior Radio and Television Antennas**

### **9.8 Animals and Pets**

### **9.9 Nuisances: Odors, Noises, Activities & Miscellaneous**

### **9.10 Parking and Use of Vehicles**

### **9.11 Burning Restrictions and Fireworks**

- a. *Outside Burning, Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces:*
- b. *Fireworks:*

# KEOWEE HARBOURS

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

### KEOWEE HARBOURS

#### OUTDOOR RESIDENT OR COMMUNITY FIRES

#### **SAFETY MEASURES - BEST PRACTICES – COVENANT RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES**

AS RECOMMENDED BY SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION

AND ENDORSED BY THE KEOWEE FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Marshall

PREAMBLE: Keowee Harbours Covenants – 9.11 Burning Restrictions and Fireworks

a. Outside Burning, Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces:

There shall be no outside burning on any property including, but not limited to, the burning of trash, leaves, logs, construction debris or any other type of debris. This does not apply to the grilling or cooking of food on outside appliances designed and built for that purpose. The construction of outdoor fireplaces requires prior ACC approval; however, approval is not required for the use of industry-manufactured outdoor fire-places, provided they are operated in compliance with the manufacturer's safety guidelines. Chimeneas and other clay models of outdoor fireplaces are prohibited.

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When and where approved by the ACC, outdoor fireplaces and manufactured cooking appliances and grills, etc. should be operated/used with the following safety considerations/practices:

1. The location of should be placed 15- 20 feet away from flammable vegetation, homes and any attachment like a deck (both wood and composite decking will burn).
2. There should be a water source (garden hose – with nozzle on spray setting) close by to extinguish any fires ignited by escaping embers and help extinguish the fire when you are through using it. A dry chemical fire extinguisher and or a bucket of dry sand should be available nearby to use to extinguish uncontained fires. A phone should be accessible nearby to call 911 when needed.
3. The homeowner should always be aware of weather conditions and not start fires outdoors when it is dry (or when drought and/or extended dry spell conditions exist) and windy.
4. Ember screens should be used and in place during use.
5. Manufactured appliances/fireplaces/grills, etc. should not be placed on flammable fuels like pine straw or dry grass.
6. All outdoor fires should be totally extinguished (**completely out**) before leaving the location of the fire.
7. The 'floor' or base on which an approved outdoor fireplace or manufactured appliance and the immediate surrounding should be non-flammable (paving stones, fire brick, crushed stone, lava rock or similar material) or bare ground (15-20 foot diameter with no flammable vegetation or materials).
8. SC Forestry Commission must be called (800-705-8618) for permit and to determine whether proper conditions exist for outdoor fires used for burning purposes in Oconee County.

## Regulations, Restrictions and Zoning Ordinances

that apply to

### KEOWEE HARBOURS LAKEFRONT PROPERTIES

#### Lakefront property owners:

Please be aware that changes to property along the Lake Keowee shoreline may require approvals from one or all of the following:

**Keowee Harbours** – refer to Covenants and Bylaws if building on lakefront properties and/or landscaping and placing structures along the lake shoreline.

**Oconee County** – Oconee County Ordinance – Lake Overlay District mandates a natural vegetative buffer on all lakefront residential properties. Residents need to consult with and obtain approval from the Oconee County Community Development's Planning and Zoning Division before proceeding with any shoreline projects. As of 2012 (the last update to the ordinance), the buffer extends 25 feet perpendicular from the full pond (800 foot level – typically the top of most shoreline rip rap levels). Call the Planning & Zoning Division at 864-638-4218 or check current information at [www.oconeesc.com](http://www.oconeesc.com).

**State of South Carolina** – The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) have regulations and restrictions that regulate and or restrict water runoff or drainage into streams and lakes, placement and management of septic systems, etc. Please check on regulations from these State Agencies before altering natural terrain or building on lakeshore property. The DNR Clemson office contact number is 864-380-5201. DHEC Anderson office contact number is 864 260-5585. Websites: [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov), and [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

**Duke Energy** – 'owns' the lake and has rules and regulations that govern from the 800 foot level (full pond) in Keowee Harbours. Tree removal, dock installation or changes, reporting dilapidated docks, rips rap or boulder (where required) placement for shoreline stabilization, removal of water from the lake for irrigation purposes, etc. all require Duke approval through their application and review process. The Duke Energy Keowee Lake Management contact phone is 864-624-6142 or go to [www.duke-energy.com/lakes/lakeservicesapplications.asp](http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/lakeservicesapplications.asp). Additional Duke Energy lake information can be obtained at 800-443-5193.



## Welcome to Keowee Harbours

- 95 Lots, ~48 full time residents, ~17 part time residents, ~30 undeveloped lots, and 10 townhomes
- Governed by Covenants and Bylaws, available in the document section at [www.keoweeharbours.com](http://www.keoweeharbours.com)
- Go to website and "create new account" for access
- Operated with a Board of Directors, Architectural Control Committee (ACC), and Grounds, Pool, etc *We welcome your participation!!!!*
- ACC Approval needed for all exterior changes including but not limited to paint, roofing and footprint changes. Applications available at [www.keoweeharbours.com](http://www.keoweeharbours.com)
- Generally 3-4 community wide social events per year
- Common amenities include: Clubhouse, Tennis Court (including Pickleball, Shuffleboard, and Basketball), Pool, Docks
- Annual Community meeting in September, monthly board meetings (open to residents, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 at the clubhouse). Committee meetings are open to all residents but do not meet on a regular basis.
- Gate Code and Clubhouse entry code changed annually or as necessary (changes will be communicated via email) Additional gate openers available from \_\_\_\_\_
- Front Gate \_\_\_\_\_ Front Gate Keypad \_\_\_\_\_ Clubhouse \_\_\_\_\_
- Firewise Community - please submit any time spent in your yard, or contractor expenses to our Firewise committee as we receive matching federal funds that are used to improve the community and keep our assessments low. Firewise Do's and Don'ts included in packet
- Yard debris that you personally remove may be placed at designated locations for Keowee Harbours landscape removal. Any work done by your contractor must be removed by your contractor.
- Keowee Harbours website includes a Who to Call list for local contractors including private trash pick-up. The majority of residents take their garbage and recycling to Oconee County Convenience centers.
- Yard tools available to borrow at clubhouse storage locker. Key is in the clubhouse - chain saw, pole saw, leaf blower

## **Local Information**

**Post Office** - located in Salem, downtown Seneca, and in the Booksmith book store across from Walmart and behind Walgreens.

**Grocery Stores** - Ingle's, Bi Lo, Food Lion, Seneca -- Publix - Clemson

**Ram Cat Alley** - local specialty shops and restaurants in downtown Seneca

**Jazz on the Alley** - Thursday evenings on Ram Cat Alley, outdoor live music

**Restaurants on the water** - Tiki Hut, The Lighthouse,

### **Other Restaurant choices include:**

Sisters - Salem - breakfast and lunch

Paesanos - Italian in Seneca

Sole - Suishi and general menu in Seneca

Blue Marble - sandwiches and bread for lunch in Seneca

Blue Heron, Pixie and Bills, Calhoun Corners, Brioso, Rick Erwins in Clemson

Villa Toscana in Central

Circa Cafe, The Spot - Ram Cat Alley

The Village Baker, Village Cafe - Pendleton

Smokin Pig BBQ - Clemson (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

Yoshi - Japanese, Seneca

The Wine Store at entrance to Keowee Harbours carries steaks and fish

**Newcomers Club of the Foothills** - [www.newcomerclub.com](http://www.newcomerclub.com) a great way to meet people and explore the area, interest groups for everything - hiking, cards, dining, bowling, etc.

**Theatres** - Brooks Center for Performing Arts - Clemson

Walhalla Civic Auditorium

Oconee Little Theatre, Seneca

Flat Rock Theatre - Flat Rock, NC

Clemson Little Theatre - Pendleton

## **Recreation Centers**

Central/ Clemson Recreation Center

Fike Center - Clemson



KHCSA is transitioning to email and other electronic means of communications. To that end, we would like to open an account for you on our keoweeharbours.com website. It will allow you access to all of the most current information and communication regarding the community. We need your email address to get you started. If you have additional emails you would like us to include for notifications, please provide those also.

This information will be used on the community phone list

Resident Information:

Name:

All who reside in the home

Home Phone

Cell Phone (s)

email (s)

This information is only in case of emergency if you are away. Only the KH Board has access to this information

Emergency Contact Information:

Name:

Relationship

Phone

General info if possible

Where you relocated from, hobbies, interests, full time?, part time? working? if so where, retired? Family info

**TIC TANK PUMPERS AND  
LERS IN OCONEE COUNTY:**

**on Septic Tank Service:**  
Bears Walk Drive  
alla, SC  
e: (864) 638-6642

**es L. McJunkin Septic Tank  
ice - Walhalla, SC**  
ie: (864) 638-5505

**ps Pumping Co.**  
ie: (864) 647-8606  
)324-1404  
tminster, SC

*cal pumping fees for a 1000 gal tank  
about \$300 in Oconee County. \$130 of  
h is for the county disposal fee.  
kens County fees run \$225-\$250, with  
osal fees of \$78. Charges may vary  
ending on distance traveled to pump &  
osal site.*

*ne pumpers do not install risers, so you  
d to ask about this service.*

**SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPERS AND  
HAULERS IN PICKENS COUNTY:**

**Ambrose Dennis Septic Tank  
Service** Pickens, SC  
Phone: (864) 878-2390

**Chapman Mancell Septic Tank Service**  
Pickens, SC  
Phone: (864) 878-2338

**Johnson Septic Tank Co.**  
Liberty, SC  
Phone: (864) 843-9994

**Notes:**

*When testing sludge depth to determine if  
a tank needs pumping, the recommenda-  
tion is that this depth should be allowed  
to get no more than 1/3 the depth of the  
available space, which for a 1000 gallon  
tank amounts to about 18".*

*Care should be used in judging this  
depth since the so called "sludge" can  
be rather fine, as opposed to very dense.*

**SEPTIC TANK RISERS**

Properly designed, sited, installed and **maintained** septic systems will work effectively for many years. Our local findings have confirmed national findings that s high percentage of septic system users do not know where their systems are. The installation of risers is a great way to avoid "out of site - out of mind"

Risers provide easy access to your septic tank for inspection & pump-out. The easiest way to get a riser is to have it done by your installer or contractor on initial installation. After the fact the best way is to have it installed by your pumper when he pumps your tank. Riser are available from the following septic tank manufacturers in Oconee and Pickens counties.

*(You should confirm all prices at the time of intended purchase since they will change from time to time):*

**Oconee Pre-cast Co.** 967 West Union Rd.,  
West Union, SC.  
Phone: (864) 638-5806.

**Gillespie Construction & Septic Tank  
Co.** 217 Stewart Rd., Liberty, SC. Phone:



## Septic System Maintenance Hints

**Pump your septic tank regularly** to ensure optimum performance. Failure to do so can cause clogging of the drainfield and subsequent failure of the system. Failing systems contribute to runoff of sewage which contaminates surface water. Use the chart below to estimate the years for pumping your system.

Number of Years for Pumping your System					
Tank size (gallons)	No. of people using the septic tank system				
	1	2	3	6	8
900	11	5	2	1	1
1,000	12	6	3	2	1
1,250	16	8	3	2	1
1,500	19	9	4	3	2

**Do not dispose of:** engine oil, gasoline, paints solvents, pesticides, etc. They should go to your recycling center or local landfill.

**Do not** use additives that claim to help decompose solids to prevent drainfield clogging. These additives do not improve septic system performance. They, in fact, can be harmful to the bacteria in the septic tank and drainfield.

**Keep** large trees and shrubs away from the drainfield to prevent root clogging or crushing the drainfield pipes.

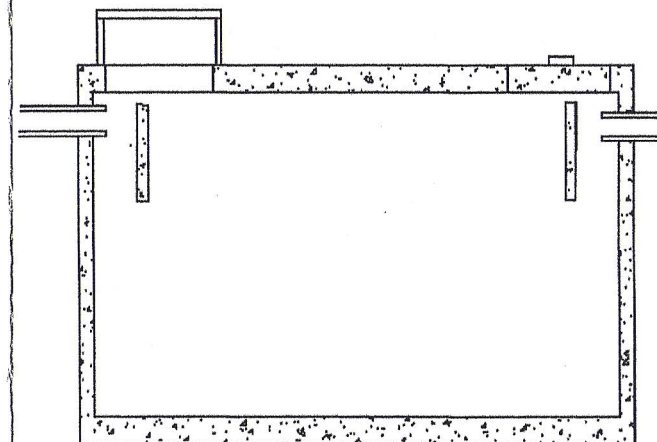
**Do not** drive, park or pave over the drainfield! This can crush the pipes of the drainfield.

**Do not** pour or flush items like coffee grounds, grease and cooking oils, condoms, sanitary napkins, tampons, disposable diapers, cigarettes, or kitty litter.

**Do not** install or use garbage disposals.

**Reduce** the amount of water to your system by: taking 5 minute showers; use low-flow fixtures in toilets and showers; run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads; repair leaky faucets; do not direct roof drains or basement sump pump outlets to your septic system.

## Septic System Maintenance Hints & Pumping and Riser Installation Information



**Friends of Lake Keowee Society**

4065 Keowee School Road  
Seneca SC 29672

864-882-3655

[www.keoweefolks.org](http://www.keoweefolks.org)

## Oconee County Convenience Centers

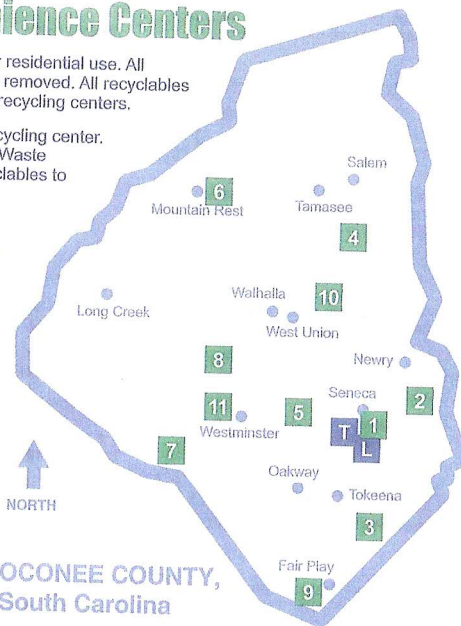
OCONEE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS are for residential use. All recyclable containers should be rinsed and caps/lids removed. All recyclables should be placed in the appropriate container at the recycling centers.

Small businesses may bring recyclables to any recycling center. Industries should contact the Oconee County Solid Waste Department at (864) 888-1440 about delivering recyclables to the Central Recycling Facility on Wells Highway.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** OPEN 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.;  
CLOSED Wednesday and Sundays; Holidays will be announced on 96.3 WCOG and the "Daily Journal" newspaper.

- 1 **STRAWBERRY FARM**  
301 N. Strawberry Rd., Seneca
- 2 **METROMONT**  
250 U-Stor-It Dr., Seneca
- 3 **PINEGROVE**  
298 Perry Woolbright Rd., Townville
- 4 **SALEM**  
397 Stamp Creek Rd., Salem
- 5 **RICHLAND**  
230 Richland Rd., Westminster
- 6 **MT. REST**  
107 Tunnel Town Rd., Mt. Rest
- 7 **TOCCOA**  
4167 Toccoa Highway, Westminster
- 8 **FIVE FORKS**  
210 Camp Rd., Walhalla
- 9 **PORT BASS**  
108 Rock Hill Rd., Fair Play
- 10 **EBENEZER**  
1089 Safety Harbor Rd., West Union
- 11 **LONG CREEK**  
186 Old Unity Church Rd., Westminster

**LITTERING:** Oconee County has limited personnel to control road-side litter and clean up illegal dumps. Littering and illegal dumping should be reported to the Sheriff's Department at (864) 638-4111. When Service requests are received for loads or areas outside county jurisdiction, the request will be forwarded to the appropriate authority.



OCONEE COUNTY,  
South Carolina

## Other Oconee County Recycling/Disposal Sites

- T** **OCONEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMPLEX  
AND TRANSFER STATION**  
15028 Wells Hwy., Seneca  
**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Friday,  
7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- L** **SENECA CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION  
(C&D) DEBRIS LANDFILL**  
15028 Wells Hwy., Seneca  
**HOURS OF OPERATIONS:** Monday – Saturday,  
7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** For a list of items and accepted at these sites, please look inside this brochure.

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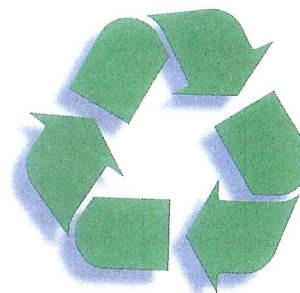
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Oconee Solid Waste Department  
PO Box 1776  
Seneca, SC 29679



## Oconee County RECYCLES!

A Guide for  
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in Oconee County



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PO Box 1776  
Seneca, SC 29679

**(864) 888-1440**

[www.oconeesc.com/solidwaste](http://www.oconeesc.com/solidwaste)



## You should know....

- **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** is accepted at all Oconee County Convenience Centers. Please bring needles from home health care in a sealed plastic bottle separate from your garbage. Kennel waste IS NOT accepted.
  - **ALL FURNITURE** must be disposed of at the Seneca Landfill.
  - **BURN BARRELS ARE NOT** accepted at Oconee County Convenience Centers.
  - **DRIED PAINT** can be placed in the garbage. To dry paint, add sand, shredded newspaper or cat litter to cans and wait until it is completely dry. Dispose of in your household garbage.
  - **USED MOTOR OIL, OIL FILTERS AND OIL BOTTLES** are accepted at the convenience centers. The following petroleum products **ARE ACCEPTED** and may be put into the used oil collection tank in small quantities:
    - ☐ motor oil;
    - ☐ hydraulic fluid;
    - ☐ gear oil;
    - ☐ diesel fuel;
    - ☐ fuel oil;
    - ☐ kerosene;
    - ☐ automatic transmission fluid; and
    - ☐ power steering fluid.
- The following petroleum products **ARE NOT ACCEPTED** at Oconee County Convenience Centers:
- ☐ brake fluid;
  - ☐ paint thinner; and
  - ☐ any solvent cleaners.

RECYCLABLES COLLECTED:	WHAT TO RECYCLE:	HOW TO RECYCLE:	WHERE TO RECYCLE:
ALUMINUM AND STEEL CANS	Aluminum beverage and steel 'tin' food cans; NO pots or clothes hangers	Rinse. Labels do not need to be removed. Foil and pie pans ARE NOT accepted.	All Convenience Centers
ANTIFREEZE	Antifreeze ONLY. No additional fluids allowed.	See the attendant at the convenience center.	All Convenience Centers
APPLIANCES AND SCRAP METAL	All appliances with metal parts including stoves, washers, dryers, bicycles, refrigerators, grills, etc. Computers and televisions ARE NOT recycled.	Call (864) 888-1440 for special requirements regarding drums and tanks.	All Convenience Centers and the Solid Waste Complex
BATTERIES, LEAD-ACID	Used automotive, marine and lawn mower batteries	See the attendant at the convenience center.	All Convenience Centers
BATTERIES, RECHARGEABLE	Batteries from small electronics — examples include cordless and cellular phone batteries; NO alkaline batteries	See the attendant at the convenience center.	All Convenience Centers
CARDBOARD	Cardboard; NO styrofoam or plastic	Flatten.	All Convenience Centers
COOKING OIL	Cooking oil ONLY. Lard IS NOT accepted.	Transport in a plastic container with a tight-fitting lid.	All Convenience Centers
EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS		See the attendant at the convenience center.	All Convenience Centers
FARMER OIL	Motor oil from farm equipment	Farmer oil MUST be taken to the Solid Waste Complex. Call (864) 888-1440 before delivering.	Solid Waste Complex
GLASS FOOD CONTAINERS	Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars ARE accepted; mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex and crystal ARE NOT accepted.	Remove lids and rinse.	All Convenience Centers
MIXED PAPER, MAGAZINES, PAPER BAGS AND PAPERBOARD	Copy paper, paper bags, junk mail and cereal-type boxes (also known as paperboard); NO paper towels or food wrappings	Keep dry. Keep magazines separate from other mixed papers and materials.	All Convenience Centers
NEWSPAPERS	Dry newspapers; NO paper towels or food wrappings	Keep dry. Keep newspapers separate from other items.	All Convenience Centers
OIL/GASOLINE MIXTURE	Some additional fluids also accepted. Call (864) 888-1440 for details; NO brake fluid.	See the attendant at the convenience center.	All Convenience Centers and Solid Waste Complex
USED MOTOR OIL, BOTTLES AND FILTERS		Transport in a tightly sealed container.	All Convenience Centers
PLASTIC	Plastic beverage bottles, jars and jugs; Look for the recycling arrows (with a #1 through #7) on the bottom of these containers.	Remove caps and lids. Rinse. Plastic flower pots and styrofoam (although they may have recycling arrows) ARE NOT accepted.	All Convenience Centers
TEXTILES	Clothing	Textiles must be clean and dry.	All Convenience Centers
TIRES, PASSENGER	Passenger vehicle tires	Limit four tires per resident.	All Convenience Centers
TIRES, NON-PASSENGER	Large non-passenger vehicle tires (tractor, etc.)	A fee is charged for non-passenger tires. Call (864) 888-1440 for details.	Solid Waste Complex
YARD DEBRIS	Tree limbs, leaves, brush, Christmas trees, etc. FEES VARY. Call (864) 888-1440 for details.	Yard trimmings must be free of any other debris. Bag yard trimmings must be emptied from bags at the Solid Waste Complex	Solid Waste Complex

## Solid Waste Complex and Transfer Station

Oconee County's Solid Waste Complex manages a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Transfer Station located at 15028 Wells Highway in Seneca.

**RECYCLABLES** including scrap metal, yard waste and tires are accepted at the Solid Waste Complex.

**WASTE DISPOSAL:** Please pull onto the scale for instructions. Fees for loads vary. For details, call the Solid Waste Complex at (864) 888-1440. Fees are payable by cash or check ONLY. Checks must be held until a total amount is calculated for multiple loads delivered on the same day.

**MULCH:** The Solid Waste Complex offers mulch to anyone. For prices, selling times and details, call (864) 888-1440.

## Seneca C&D Debris Landfill

The Seneca Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfill accepts building supplies (bath fixtures, carpet, block, lumber, shingles, windows, mirrors, etc.), furniture, mattresses and land-clearing debris.

The Seneca C&D Landfill does NOT accept plastic, paint or other liquids, friable asbestos, PCBs or items that have been in contact with petroleum, pesticides, preservatives, solvents or boats.

**NON-FRIABLE** asbestos is accepted. Fees and an accompanying DHEC disposal permit do apply. Call (864) 888-1440 for more details.

## Solid Waste/Recycling Directory

<b>OCONEE COUNTY</b>	
Solid Waste Department.....	(864) 888-1440
<b>CITY OF SENECA</b>	
Yard Debris, C&D and Appliance Pick-up .....	(864) 888-0864 or (864) 855-2723
Garbage and Recycling Collection .....	(864) 885-2750
<b>CITY OF WALHALLA</b>	
Garbage and Recycling Collection .....	(864) 638-4351
<b>CITY OF WESTMINSTER</b>	
Garbage and Recycling Collection .....	(864) 647-3218



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# FIREWISE ACTIVITIES MATCHING FUNDS RECORDING SHEET

*Can be used to record activities for matching funds and other Firewise Communities/USA purposes*



What qualifies for matching funds for Firewise grants? Any time or money you spend on your home and/or surrounding property for the purpose of reducing the probability of wildfire loss. Examples of activities that will qualify related to homes and outbuildings are:

- Removing trees, brush, grass from around your structures
- Cleaning gutters of pine needles and other debris. Cleaning the roof and clearing anything flammable from within three feet of the base of the structure
- Removing tree limbs less than six-ten feet from the ground around structures
- Replacing a shake-shingle roof with a non-flammable alternative

The following volunteer activities will also qualify for Firewise matching funds. Volunteer time is recorded at the rate posted at **[www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)**.

- Firewise Board meetings
- Firewise community events
- Family preparation for wildfire

To record your time, fill in the following:

Activity	Date Performed	Amount of Time

To record your costs, fill in the following:

Activity	Date Performed	Attach Invoices

I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to your Firewise Board contact:

\* Mailbox at Clubhouse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



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Sec. 38-11.1. - Lake overlay district.

- (a) *Title:* Lake overlay district.
- (b) *Definition:* The lake overlay is not intended to be a separate zoning district, but shall be assigned to the shoreline areas of Oconee County lakes that are considered by county council to be vital to the economic prosperity and general well-being of all county citizens.
- (c) *Intent:* This overlay is intended to protect water quality, maintain natural beauty, and limit secondary impacts of new development that may negatively affect the lifestyles of those living near the lakeshore and the general enjoyment of the lakes by all citizens.
- (d) *Boundary:* The boundaries of the lake overlay district are shown on the Official Oconee County Zoning Map, and are divided into the following sub-districts:
  - (1) Keowee/Jocassee Overlay (Lakes Keowee and Jocassee). The following standards shall apply within 750 feet of the full pond contour of Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee, to be measured along a perpendicular line from the full-pond contour.
    - a. *Standards.*
      - 1. No single-family or multi-family development shall have a net density greater than two dwelling units per acre within the boundary of the overlay.
      - 2. No structure constructed in the overlay shall have a building height greater than 65 feet above finished grade. In no circumstance shall the grade elevation be altered beyond that necessary to provide for structural soundness. For the purposes of this section, unless otherwise stated, all dimensions, heights, elevations and other specifications related to structures shall be measured in accordance with adopted building codes.
      - 3. Marinas and commercial boat storage shall comply with Duke Energy's regulations and shall not be located within a mile radius of an existing platted and properly recorded subdivision.
      - 4. All non-residential projects that have a proposed developed area fully or partially located within the boundaries of the Lake Keowee/Jocassee Overlay shall be subject to a special exception hearing by the board of zoning appeals. The board of zoning appeals shall use Appendix A as a guide and for good cause shown they may waive the strict application of any standard therein.
      - 5. Natural vegetative buffer.
        - (i) A natural vegetative buffer shall be established on all waterfront parcels whose property line is located within 25 feet from the full pond contour. Those parcels not meeting this criteria shall be exempt from this standard.
        - (ii) The buffer shall extend to a depth of 25 feet measured along a perpendicular line from the full-pond contour; in the event permanent shoreline stabilization, such as rip-rap, retaining walls, is located at the full-pond contour, the buffer may begin at the back of the stabilization, provided the minimum required area is achieved. Right-of-way maintenance activities by all utilities shall be exempt.
        - (iii) All structures and landscaping existing at the time of adoption of this chapter shall be considered as permitted and shall not be considered impediments to the buffer. Any new structures or any other new objects that are impediments to the establishment of the required buffer shall be placed outside the natural buffer areas unless the total square footage occupied by the structure, not to exceed 20 percent of the required buffer area, is added to the buffer at another location on

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the same parcel, provided the resulting buffer area is equal to the required buffer area, and the effectiveness of the buffer is not compromised.

- (iv) In order to ensure that the natural buffer is maintained during the development of property a properly installed and maintained silt fence shall be installed 25 feet from the full pond elevation, separating the buffer from the developed area, until the completion of construction. No construction or disturbance shall occur below the silt fence unless it is deemed necessary by a certified arborist to remove diseased trees. Dead trees may be removed with the approval of the zoning administrator. No trees larger than six-inch caliber at four feet from the ground shall be removed unless certified to be a hazard by a registered forester or arborist. Trees may be limbed up to 50 percent of their height. A removal plan shall be submitted for approval.
- (v) No development activity or soil disturbance shall occur in the buffer area, unless permitted by the zoning administrator.
- (vi) Shoreline stabilization shall be permitted provided any soil disturbance or other stabilization activities are supervised and approved by the appropriate licensed design professional and submitted to the zoning administrator.
- (vii) A map indicating those parcels to which the standards of this section apply, as well as the status of the establishment of the required buffer, shall be created and maintained as a layer in the county's Geographic Information System (GIS), and shall be available to the public.
- (viii) Natural, existing vegetation is encouraged; however, the following mix of plants shall be required for every 2,500 square feet of vegetative buffer area that is established by planting:
  - (1) The following mixture of plants for every 2,500 square feet of natural vegetative buffer shall be required when existing:
    - a. Three large maturing shade trees, equally spaced, four-inch or greater caliper at four feet.
    - b. Three understory trees, equally spaced, two-inch or greater caliper at four feet.
    - c. Six small evergreen trees.
    - d. Twenty shrubs; or
  - (2) A diverse mix of native plants and unmanaged (uncut below 12 inches and untreated) native grasses where available and suited to the site.
- (ix) A view lane of no more than 15 percent of the buffer area shall be permitted in the natural buffer area. Impervious surface no greater than 20 percent of the allowed view lane area is permitted. All impervious surfaces shall be considered part of the view lane. Other structures must be temporary.
- (x) No new manicured lawns or other managed grasses shall be established within the buffer area. Additionally, no clear cutting or mowing, cultivation activities, fertilization, use of herbicides, fungicides, or pesticides shall occur within the buffer area.
- (xi) In the event that a property owner is unable to establish the said buffer they may request a variance, to be considered at a hearing before the board of zoning appeals, stating the reasons why a buffer cannot be established. The board of



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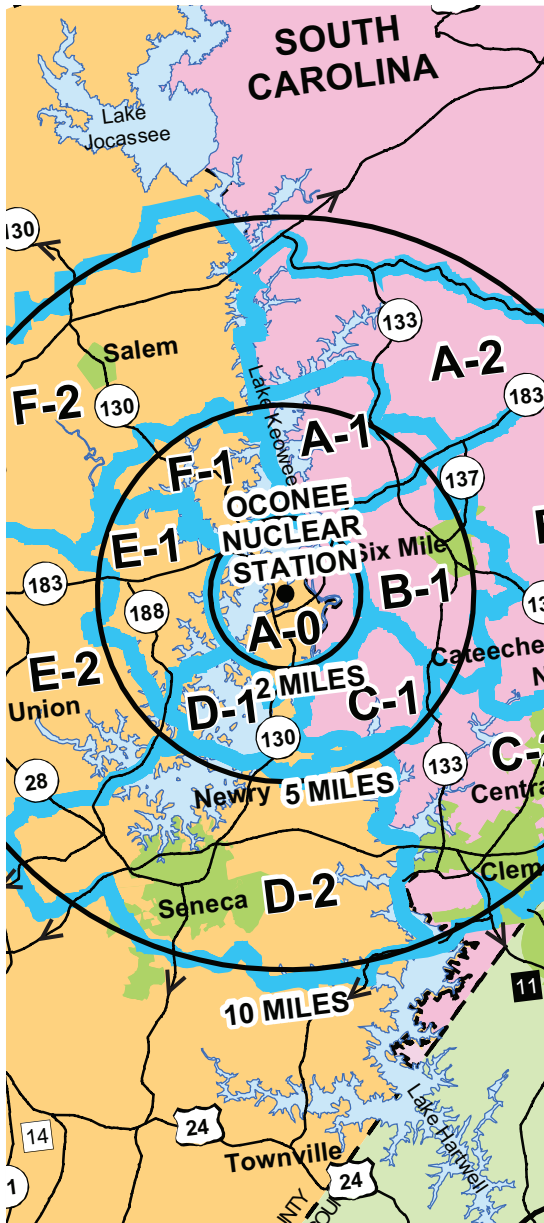
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zoning appeals of zoning appeals may, in its sole discretion, grant or not grant such variance, for good cause shown.

(Ord. No. 2012-14, § 1, 5-15-2012)

# Emergency Planning Information Summary

## Oconee Nuclear Station 2014



The following summary of the emergency plan is for people who visit the area within 10 miles of Oconee Nuclear Station, as well as those who live, work or go to school within the area. The plan was developed by state and local officials and Duke Energy.

We always expect Oconee to operate safely; but in the event of a problem, we want you to be prepared. If you hear the sirens sound, we want you to know what they mean and what you need to do.

Please read this folder carefully and study the map on the inside. If you familiarize yourself with this plan, you and your family will be prepared.

### The Emergency Plan

This folder explains what to do in case of a problem at Oconee Nuclear Station. There are several different ways you could be notified:

1. To alert people outdoors, emergency sirens will sound repeatedly to tell you of a problem. **If you hear a siren, immediately tune your radio or television to a local primary station.** Local primary stations that will carry emergency alert messages are listed in this folder.

**HEARING A SIREN DOES NOT MEAN YOU SHOULD EVACUATE.**

2. To alert people indoors, radio and television stations will carry emergency information and instructions. **Follow the instructions.** Stay tuned.
3. In an emergency, fire, police and rescue units may also patrol the affected area and sound their sirens, if necessary. Boaters also will be alerted.

Upon hearing a siren or emergency message, we also encourage people living in the 10-mile emergency planning zones to check with their family and neighbors to ensure they are aware of the situation - especially family and neighbors who may have special needs.

In case of a problem, you might be told to stay indoors or you might be told to evacuate.

**Please follow the instructions given on the radio or television.**

Note: To ensure sirens are working correctly, they are sounded for three-minute tests on a quarterly basis. If you hear a siren, please turn your radio or television to a local primary station. If there is no announcement, please call any number listed in this folder for information. It may be a test.

### Emergency Alert Stations (EAS)

If you hear a siren, immediately turn your radio or television to a local primary station. Listed below is the local primary station that will carry an emergency alert message:

**FM 93.7**

**WFBC**

**Greenville**

*This is the lead South Carolina station that state and county officials use to provide emergency information and instructions through the emergency alert system (EAS). Other local television and radio stations may also carry the emergency alert message.*

Special Help For The Disabled

County emergency personnel will notify people with special needs during an emergency and assist them with evacuation if necessary.

If you or someone you know is visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically disabled or has special needs, call your county emergency management office **today**. Tell them of the special need. This information will remain confidential.

If You Have Children In School

Schools in the area around Oconee Nuclear Station have emergency plans for school children.

In an emergency, school officials would be contacted by local county emergency management officials.



If an evacuation were ordered, all students attending school inside the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) would be moved to the pick-up point for their school, including students who live outside the emergency planning zone.

Adults would care for the children until parents arrive at the pick-up point.

**Parents should pick up students at a pick-up point only. DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOLS.**

All pickup points are more than 10-miles from the nuclear station.

Children not picked up at the pick-up point within five hours will be moved to the designated reception center for their school.

If your children are ever left home alone, please tell them what to do in an emergency. Be sure they know what zone they are in.

If You Have A Question

Sometimes noises or activities at Oconee Nuclear Station may prompt questions. If you hear something or are interested in station activity, call the World of Energy at 1-800-777-1004.

Radiation... A Fact Of Life

Radiation is a natural part of our environment. It is not new or mysterious. We receive radiation from the sun, minerals in the earth, the food we eat and building materials in our houses. Even our bodies give off small amounts of radiation.

Exposure to extremely large amounts of radiation can be harmful, even fatal. However, the amount of radiation given off in the normal operation of a nuclear station is very small; smaller, in fact, than the amount we would receive on a coast-to-coast airplane trip. Although you can't see radiation, it can be measured. Radiation is measured in units called rems and millirems. The rem is a unit of measure that takes into account the effect different types of radiation have on the body. A millirem is 1/1000th of a rem. Some familiar sources of radiation are shown below:

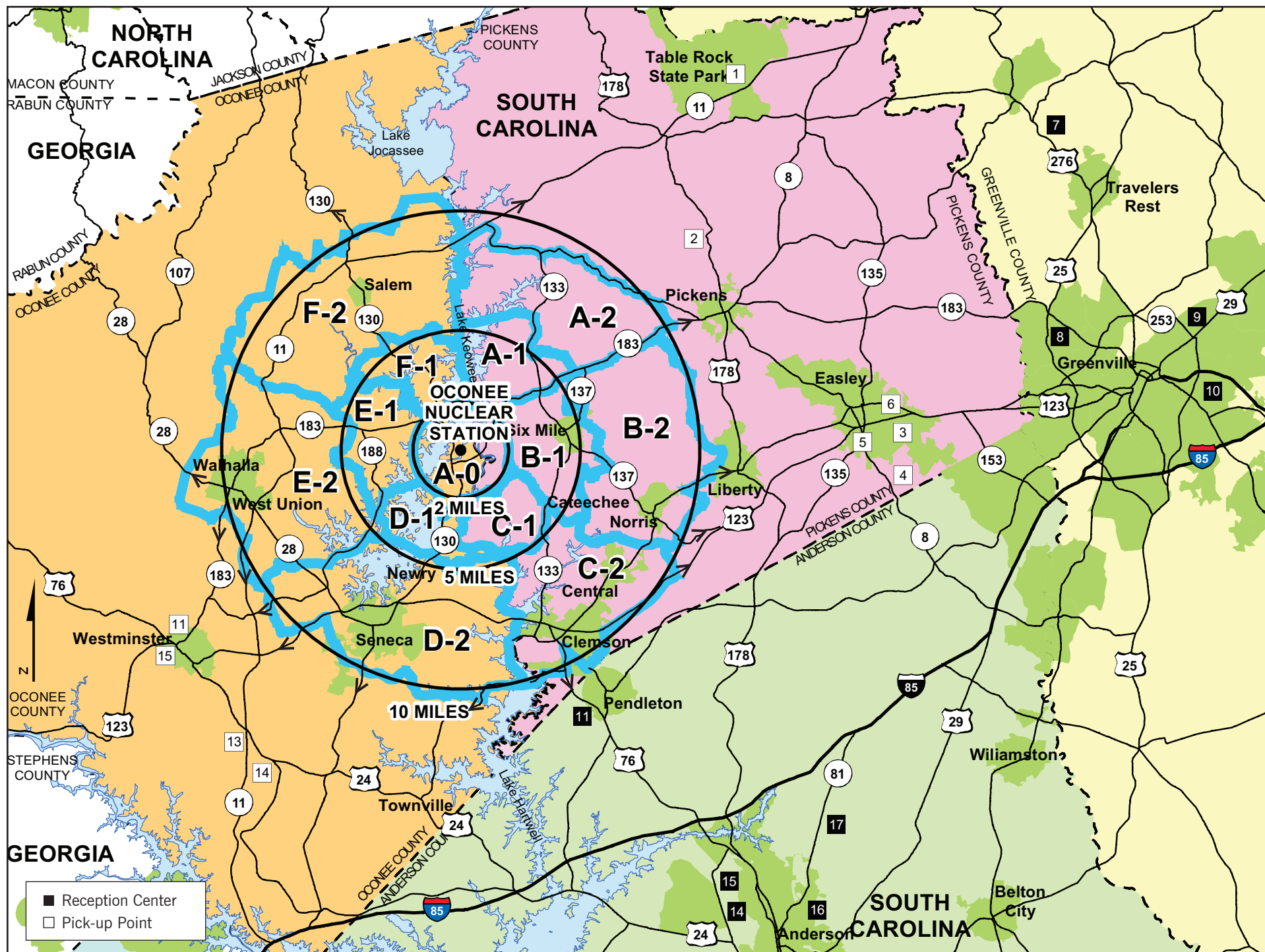
(measured in millirems)

Average annual radiation exposure from ALL sources.....	624
Natural Background Radiation .....	311
Medical Procedures .....	300
Consumer Products (air travel, smoking, building materials, etc.) .....	13
Remainder (including living near a nuclear power station).....	Less than 1

For Your Information

If you have questions, call your county emergency management office:

Oconee County	(864) 638-4200
Pickens County	
Day/work hours	(864) 898-5945
After hours/weekend	(864) 898-5500



The following is a list of schools, the zones in which they are located, and pick-up points and reception centers for each school.

Oconee County Schools	Zone	Pick-up Point	Anderson Reception Center
Blue Ridge Elementary School	D-2	<a href="#">14</a> Fair Oak Elementary School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Code Academy Family Learning Center	D-2	<a href="#">14</a> Fair Oak Elementary School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Fred P. Hamilton Career Center	D-2	<a href="#">13</a> West-Oak High School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Northside Elementary School	D-2	<a href="#">14</a> Fair Oak Elementary School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Oconee Christian Academy	D-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
Ravenel Elementary School	D-2	<a href="#">14</a> Fair Oak Elementary School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Seneca Middle School	D-2	<a href="#">13</a> West-Oak High School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Seneca High School	D-2	<a href="#">13</a> West-Oak High School	<a href="#">15</a> Anderson Civic Center
Keowee Elementary School	E-1	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">14</a> Westside High School
Faith Training Center	E-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
James M. Brown Elementary School	E-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
Walhalla Elementary School	E-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
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Walhalla High School	E-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
Poplar Springs 7th Day Advent. Elem.	E-2	<a href="#">11</a> West-Oak Middle School	<a href="#">16</a> McCants Middle School
Tamassee-Salem Elementary School	F-2	<a href="#">15</a> Orchard Park. Elem. School	<a href="#">14</a> Westside High School
Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School	F-2	<a href="#">15</a> Orchard Park. Elem. School	<a href="#">14</a> Westside High School

Note: Children not picked up at their school pick-up point within 5 hours will be moved to the the designated reception center for their school. Students who attend a school outside the 10-mile EPZ but live inside the 10-mile EPZ will stay in school until school closes or until picked up by a parent or guardian. Children not picked up will be transported to [13](#) West-Oak High School to await pick-up by a parent or guardian.

Pickens County Schools	Zone	Pick-up Point
A. R. Lewis Elementary School	A-2	<a href="#">1</a> Table Rock State Park Recreational Building
Six Mile Elementary School	B-1	<a href="#">2</a> Pickens High School
Central Elementary School	C-2	<a href="#">3</a> Forest Acres Elementary School
Clemson Montessori	C-2	<a href="#">5</a> West End Elementary School
Daniel High School	C-2	<a href="#">4</a> Easley High School
Clemson Elementary School	C-2	<a href="#">5</a> West End Elementary School
R.C. Edwards Middle School	C-2	<a href="#">6</a> Gettys Middle School

Note: Children not picked up at their school pick-up point within 5 hours will be moved to a temporary reception center at [4](#) Easley High School. Students who attend a school outside the 10-mile EPZ but live inside the 10-mile EPZ will stay in school until school closes or until picked up by a parent or guardian. Children not picked up will be transported to Easley High to await pick-up by a parent or guardian.

South Carolina day care centers and private schools will follow their facilities specific emergency evacuation plan. Contact your day care center/private school for further information regarding their plan.

## Protective Action Zones And Reception Centers For Oconee County

### Zones Communities

### Primary Evacuation Routes to Anderson, SC

### Anderson Reception Centers

A-0	South of the Oconee Nuclear Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South on SC 130 to US 123, right on US 123 to SC 11, left on SC 11 to SC 24, left on SC 24 to SC 28 Bypass, left on SC 28 Bypass, 1.2 miles to Westside High School on right</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Westside High School
	North of Oconee Nuclear Station, Keowee Key	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North on SC 130 to SC 11, left on SC 11 to SC 24, left on SC 24 to SC 28 Bypass, left on SC 28 Bypass, 1.2 miles to Westside High School on right</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Westside High School
D-1	Fairview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 188 to Secondary Rd. 135, Secondary Rd. 135 to SC 183, left on SC 183, SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to N. Murray Ave., left on N. Murray Ave., to Greenville Hwy. (0.7mi.), right on Greenville Hwy. to McCants Middle School (1.7mi.)</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> McCants Middle School
D-2	Bayshore, Newry, Hanover Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 76/123 to SC 11, left on SC 11 to US I-85, north on US I-85 to Exit 27 (SC 81), right on SC 81, 4.8 miles to T.L. Hanna High School on left</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> T.L. Hanna High School
D-2	Utica, Port Santorini, Bountyland, Tanglewood, Seneca, Keowee Subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 76/123 to SC 11, left on SC 11 to US I-85, north on I-85 to Exit 19A (US 76), right on US 76, 3.2 miles to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., right on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 0.9 miles to Civic Center on right</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> Anderson Civic Center
E-1	Keowee, New Hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 188 to SC 183, left on SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to SC 28 Bypass, left on SC 28 Bypass, 1.2 miles to Westside High School on right</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Westside High School
E-2	Walhalla, Forest Acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to Whitner, continue on Whitner, 1.8 miles to N. Murray Ave., left on N. Murray Ave. to Greenville Hwy. (0.7 mi.), right on Greenville Hwy. (1.7 mi.) to McCants Middle School on right</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> McCants Middle School
E-2	Wolfs Stake, Ebenezer, West Union, Poplar Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 11 to SC 183, left on SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to Whitner, continue on Whitner, 1.8 miles to N. Murray Ave., left on N. Murray Ave. to Greenville Hwy. (0.7 mi.), right on Greenville Hwy. (1.7 mi.) to McCants Middle School on right</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> McCants Middle School
F-1	Stamp Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 11 to SC 183, right on SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to SC 28 Bypass, left on SC 28 Bypass, 1.2 miles to Westside High School on right</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Westside High School
F-2	Tamassee, Salem, Picket Post, Oconee Creek, D.A.R., Fall Creek, Flat Shoals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 11 to SC 183, right on SC 183 to US 76/123, left on US 76/123 to SC 24, right on SC 24 to SC 28 Bypass, left on SC 28 Bypass, 1.2 miles to Westside High School on right</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Westside High School

## Protective Action Zones And Reception Centers For Pickens County

Zones	Communities	Primary Evacuation Routes to Greenville, SC	Greenville Reception Centers
A-0	Gap Hill, East Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 183 through Pickens to SC 183 East to US 25 Bypass (White Horse Road), right on US 25 Bypass for approx. 1.3 mi., left onto Burdine Drive, school on left</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> Berea High School
A-1	Mile Creek, Mile Creek County Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 11 to US 276, turn right on US 276 to intersection of US 276 and Secondary Rd. 940 (Langford Rd.), turn left onto Langford Rd., school on left</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> Northwest Middle School
A-2	Shady Grove, Mountain View, Piney Grove, Cedar Creek, Crowe Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 11 to US 276, turn right on US 276, to intersection of US 276 and Secondary Rd. 940 (Langford Rd.), turn left onto Langford Rd., school on left</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> Northwest Middle School
B-1	Six Mile, Kings Grove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 183 through Pickens to SC 183 East to US 25 Bypass (White Horse Road), right on US 25 Bypass for approx. 1.3 mi., left onto Burdine Drive, school on left</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> Berea High School
B-2	Norris, Cateechee, Praters, Roanoke, Golden Creek, Terrapin Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC 183 through Pickens to SC 183 East to SC 253, turn left onto SC 253 to SC 291, SC 291 (Pleasantburg Dr.) to US 29, turn left onto US 29 to Pine Knoll Drive, turn left onto Pine Knoll Drive</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> Wade Hampton High School
C-1	Pleasant Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 123 through Easley to SC 153, right onto SC 153 to US I-85, north on US I-85 to exit 46B (291), SC 291 (Pleasantburg Dr.) to Tower Drive, right onto Tower Drive</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> TD Convention Center
C-2	Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 123 through Easley to SC 153, right onto SC 153 to US I-85, north on US I-85 to exit 46B (291), SC 291 (Pleasantburg Dr.) to Tower Drive, right onto Tower Drive</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> TD Convention Center
C-2	Clemson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 123 through Easley to SC 153, right onto SC 153 to US I-85, north on US I-85 to exit 46B (291), SC 291 (Pleasantburg Dr.) to Tower Drive, right onto Tower Drive</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> TD Convention Center
C-2	Clemson University * Clemson University processing center for students without transportation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US 76</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> Garrison Arena*





# Newcomer's Guide to Oconee County

In the northwestern-most corner of South Carolina is Oconee County, known as the "Golden Corner" because of its climate, its spectacularly beautiful lakes and the beauty of its Blue Ridge Mountains. Today, outdoor recreation, adventure travel and family "together time" are hot buttons for tourists, and Oconee County offers the perfect setting for an affordable vacation for active families, outdoor types of all ages, couples and retirees. Biking, horseback riding, boating, whitewater rafting, paddling, fishing, hiking, camping, golfing and antiquing are plentiful here.

Oconee County includes lakes Hartwell, Keowee and Jocassee, rushing and lazy rivers, including the federally-designated "Wild and Scenic" Chattooga, endless waterfalls, the Sumter National Forest and the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, all neighboring the mountains of North Carolina and Northeast Georgia, making it within easy access to most of the Southeast



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# TAXES: PROPERTY

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **1. Is there a tax break for agricultural property?**

Yes, SC Law provides for a substantial tax break on agricultural real property which is actually used for a bona fide agricultural use. There are two parts to this benefit. First, if qualified, the property's taxable value is based on "Use Value", which is almost always considerably less than the property's "Market Value". The "Use Value" is based on the productive capability of the soil type or types in the property. Second, the assessed value is 4% of the "Use Value", unless the property is owned by a corporation with ten (10) or more stockholders, then the applicable ratio is 6%.

### **2. What must an agricultural real property owner do to get this tax benefit?**

The owner must file an application with the County Assessor. The filing period is January 1 through January 15 of the following year. Once the initial application is filed, it will automatically be renewed each year until there is a change in the property use/or a change in title. When reapplications are required, one will be mailed on each previously qualified property to the owner's last known address. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure applications are timely filed.

### **3. Is there a tax break for individuals 65 or older/100% disabled?**

YES, see your County Auditor for details about the HOMESTEAD Exemption.

### **4. Is there a tax break available to full-time residents?**

Yes, SC Law provides for a 4% assessment ratio (the alternative is 6%) on residential properties. The owner must have title (deed or will) or have an equity interest (contract to purchase) and occupy the residence as his/her actual or primary place of residence, prior to making application. Applications are furnished by the County Assessor.

### **5. What must the owner do to qualify his home for this tax break?**

The owner must file an application with the County Assessor. The filing period is January 1 through January 15 of the following tax year. This allows one year and fifteen days for filing. Once the initial application is filed, it will automatically be renewed every year, unless there's a change in ownership, address, or use of the property. In accordance with the law, you must notify the Assessor within six months if you change your residency. When reapplications are required, one will be mailed for each previously qualified residence to the owner's last known address.

While the difference between 6% and 4% is only 2%, the impact on your tax bill is much more dramatic. Taxes on a residence qualified for the 4% ratio are one-third less than taxes on a similar residence assessed at 6%. The legal residence classification also entitles the resident homeowner to exemption from school operation taxes.

It is the owner's responsibility to make sure the initial application and future reapplications are filed on time. The law allows County Council to extend the filing deadline if an owner can show good & reasonable cause for filing late. The late application must be filed with a petition stating "satisfactory" reason and "reasonable cause" for not filing by the January 15 deadline. Late applications are filed with the Assessor.

## **6. What is "THE MULTIPLE LOT DISCOUNT?"**

There is a discount available for subdivided land, when certain qualifications are met. This discount is known as "The Multiple Lot Discount" or "The Developer Discount".

To qualify, one must own ten (10) or more unsold and unimproved lots in the same development as of January 1st of the tax year and file an application with the assessor by May 1st of that year. New applications must be filed every year.

## **7. What is market value?**

SC State Law defines "Market Value" or "True Value in Money" as . . . "The price the property will bring following reasonable exposure to the market where both the seller and the buyer are willing, are not acting under compulsion, and are reasonably well informed as to the uses and purpose for which it is adapted and for which it is capable of being used..."

## **8. What is an assessment ratio?**

The assessment ratio is simply a percentage (usually 4% or 6%) which is multiplied by the appraised value or the use value of a property to determine the assessed value.

## **9. What is millage?**

Millage is a term used to describe the rate of taxes levied. A mill is one dollar per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

\$1 of Tax

\$1,000 Assessed Value = \$.001 = 1 Mil

County Council and the County Auditor determine the annual millage rate. The millage rate to be levied is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed to fund the annual budget by the total assessed value.

Budget = \$10,000,000

Assessed Value \$200,000,000 = .050 = 50 Mills

## **10. When is property reappraised?**

All property is reappraised every four (4) years with a one (1) year lag for implementation. That is unless there's a physical or legal change, or an assessable transfer of interest occurs. Otherwise, taxable value is normally capped at 15% between reassessment programs.

## **11. Who does what in the tax system?**

### **Assessor**

- Maintain real property records (land, buildings, mobile homes, docks, swimming pools & etc.).
- Appraises real property for ad valorem tax purposes.
- Responsible for the application process for the 4% legal residence and agricultural use classifications. POA and multiple lot discount applications are also made to the Assessor.
- Responsible for the application process for the 4% and the agricultural use exemption assessment ratio.
- Responsible for maintenance of tax maps.
- Initiates refunds as it relates to real property.

### **Auditor**

- Assessment of personal property
- Keeps records of personal property (auto, trucks, airplanes, boats, etc.).
- Send out tax bills.
- Takes applications for Homestead Exemption (over age 65 or 100% disabled).
- Processes Refund Requests
- Estimates the Tax (millage) rate needed to fund the County Budget.

### **Treasurer**

- Collects taxes.
- Safeguards all tax money.
- Distributes tax money to schools, fire departments, etc.
- Invests funds for the County.

<b>Important Forms</b>
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A list of forms available and their descriptions are available on website. If you have any questions, please call the office at (864) 638-4150/4151

# TAXES: PERSONAL

Taxable personal property under the S.C. Uniform Tax Law of 1978 includes:

- Motor Vehicles
- Motor Homes
- Watercraft and Motors (DNR Watercraft Items)
- Shrimp Boats
- Commercial Watercraft
- Large Pleasure Craft (Documented Boats)
- Rental Residential Property
- Business Personal Property (Local)
- Business Personal Property (PT100)
- Aircraft
- Signs
- Manufacturers
- Utilities

**Please call the County Auditor - 864-638-4158 for additional information regarding Personal Property**

# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

<http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/default.aspx?n=home>

## MOVING ? - Welcome to South Carolina

If you come into South Carolina from another state and establish a permanent residence, you must apply for a South Carolina driver license. If you own any vehicles they must also be registered in our state.

If you have a valid driver's license issued by the state from which you moved, you can use it for 90 days, after which time you must surrender it and obtain a South Carolina driver license. You have 45 days to transfer your out of state vehicle registration to South Carolina.

[Click here for Form 447 Application for S.C. Credential](#). See [Accepted Forms of Identification](#) for documents needed to obtain the license

## For New Residents Moving from Another State

Military Personnel (and their dependents) and students temporarily in South Carolina are not required to obtain a South Carolina Driver's license. However, you must have a driver's license from your home state to operate in South Carolina.

If you are a new resident, you may use a valid driver's license from your former state for up to 90 days. However, you must convert to a South Carolina driver's license before the end of the 90-day period. If your name has changed since birth, you must provide all legal documents (adoption records, marriage certificate, certificate of naturalization, court ordered name change) supporting all name changes from birth to present. For more information about documents you will need to get a S.C. license, see [Accepted Forms of Identification](#). If your driver's license from your home state has expired, you must also pass the knowledge and road tests. To schedule a road test, you should call the DMV office where you would like to take the skills test.

Each qualified driver can have only one driver's license. You may not have a valid license from South Carolina and another state. To qualify for a SC driver's license, you must pass the eye exam given at all DMV offices or submit a statement of visual acuity from an eye specialist. A South Carolina license is valid for ten years and must be renewed by your birthday in the tenth year.

Note that Section 23-3-460 of the SC Code of Laws states that a person who has been convicted anywhere of an offense listed in 23-3-430 must register with the county sheriff within 10 days of establishing residency in South Carolina. A copy of the Sex Offender Registry Law is available upon request.

## Transferring Your Out of State Vehicle License

If you move to South Carolina from another state, you have 45 days to transfer your vehicle title and registration. You may apply for the title and registration by mail. The [Form 400, Application for Certificate of Title/Registration](#), which must be completed, contains the proper mailing address for the department.

SCDMV verifies all out-of-state titles with the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System. Your out-of-state title must be cleared through NMVTIS before you can be issued a SC title. Although you may be able to obtain a new SC vehicle registration, your S.C. title will not be issued until the title verification process is complete.

The first time you register your vehicle in South Carolina, you must provide the name of your insurance company. SCDMV will verify your coverage electronically. If the insurance policy cannot be verified, your driver's license and vehicle registration may be suspended. If you are a new resident in South Carolina and have an automobile policy with a national insurance company, be sure to change your address with your insurance company before you register your vehicle in South Carolina.

You must have the following to transfer your out-of-state vehicle title and registration:

- **Your out-of-state vehicle title and registration**  
If there is a lien on your vehicle, you must bring the name and address of the company that holds the lien.
- **Liability Insurance information**  
You must provide the name of your automobile liability insurance company, not the name of the agent.
- **Completed [Form 400, Application for Certificate of Title/Registration](#)**  
To complete the form, you must have your vehicle odometer mileage reading and any current lien information. Make sure the odometer mileage reading is exact. This cannot be changed in the future.
- **Paid Vehicle Property Tax Receipt**  
Before you can register your vehicle in South Carolina, you must first pay the vehicle property taxes that are required in the county in which you reside.
- **Title and Registration Fees**  
Title - \$15.00 fee  
Passenger cars - \$24.00 fee  
Persons 64 years of age \$22.00 fee  
65 or older or disabled \$20.00 fee  
(If disabled, a statement from a medical doctor as to the permanency of the disability must be submitted)  
Motorcycles - \$10.00 fee  
Utility or Camper Trailers - \$10.00 fee  
Trailers with empty weight in excess of 2500 lbs. - \$20.00 fee  
Trucks, Truck-Trailers and Road Tractors (All Property Carrying Vehicles)\*

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT	FEE
0001-4000	\$30.00
4001-5000	\$40.00
5001-6000	\$60.00
6001-7000	\$70.00
7001-8000	\$80.00
8001-9000	\$90.00
(Over 9000 GVW upon request)	
- Trucks over 26,000 GVW and buses 16 passengers or more for hire must show SSN or FEIN, but tax receipt is not required.

The SCDMV [Public Services](#) site lets you complete many transactions online:

- Address changes
- Driver's license renewals and duplicates
- Identification card renewals
- View your driver license status, and pay reinstatement fees
- Duplicate registration certificates
- Complete a pending registration renewal
- Obtain your driver record

The [Public Services](#) site is usually the fastest and most convenient way to do business with SCDMV.

# Establishing a New Address in Oconee County

**Oconee County Addressing Office is the only agency in Oconee County that can assign and verify an address for any purpose.**

The purpose of an E-911 address is to assure that responses to emergencies are as timely and efficient as possible. Therefore, addresses are assigned based on the placement of driveways (or other access points), and not the location of the “front” of a structure. However, it is the responsibility of the home owner to post house numbers in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. To minimize confusion for emergency responders, whenever possible, the assignment of address numbers is based on a standardized distance separation formula.

It is sometimes necessary to change an assigned address. The reasons an address **may** change include, but are not limited to:

- An address issued to a vacant parcel does not correspond with the location of a new drive way
- The addition of new occupied structures on a parcel
- Relocation of an existing driveway
- Subdivision of a parcel
- Insufficient sequential address numbers to accommodate new development on a road
- Any address related issue that causes confusion and potentially delays a timely and efficient emergency response

**As they are subject to change, utilizing address numbers for property identification on legal documents is not advised.**

New addresses must be requested in writing. An address request form may be obtained in the Building Codes Office in the Oconee County Administrative Complex (415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691); or on the county website.

Completed forms may be dropped off at the Building Codes Department, sent by postal mail, or faxed to 864-638-4168.

If you have questions, please feel free to give us a call at 864-638-4250.



# **Building a New Home in Oconee County**

Oconee County Building Codes Department  
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691  
(864) 718-1005 (Main)

**Hours M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm**

**Permitting / Scheduling Stops at 4:00 pm**

## **Departmental Overview and History:**

The Building Codes Department plays a key role in the safety and welfare of the residents of Oconee County. The main function of the department is administering the adopted codes to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare from fire and other hazards attributed to the constructed environment. This function is carried out by the process of on-site inspections and plan reviews prior to construction. The department was created in July of 1999 as part of the planning division per State mandate. 911 Addressing and County Fire Marshal functions have been added to the department to better coordinate these services with the public. Today, Oconee County Building Codes continues to provide efficient, quality service to our citizens while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

## **Frequently Asked Questions / Forms:**

<http://www.oconeesc.com/Building-Codes/web/index2.htm>

## **Function:**

- **Building Permits** - A building permit must be issued before starting any new building construction or making additions, alterations, renovations, and demolition of existing structures. Examples of permits are: building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, swimming pools, etc.
- **Building Plan Reviews** – A building plan review is required before a building permit can be issued for all commercial construction, all single family construction over 5000 square feet, and all alternate methods or engineering.
- **Building Inspections** – Inspections are required per building codes after the building permit has been issued at pre-determined intervals based on the type of permit issued.
- **Manufactured Housing Permits** – Every mobile home being set-up in the County must have a moving permit from the Assessors office and a set-up permit and decal from Building Codes in order to have electricity turned on.

# Oconee County Building Codes

415 South Pine Street Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Phone: 864-718-1005

Fax: 864-638-4168

www.oconeesc.com

## **The following items are EXEMPT from Building; Permits:**

Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

### **Building:**

1. One-story detached accessory structures provided the floor area does not exceed 400 square feet and has no electrical, plumbing, or HVAC.
2. Fences not over 8 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 8 feet (1219 mm) in height.
4. Sidewalks/driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
5. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
6. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 52 inches deep.
7. Decks less than 400 square feet and less than 30 inches above the ground.
8. Signs not over 75 square feet.

### **Electrical:**

1. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment.
2. Equipment under the ownership of public service agencies.

### **Gas:**

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

### **Mechanical/Plumbing**

1. Portable cooling unit, or heating, ventilation appliances.
2. The stopping of leaks or clearing of stoppages in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe.

### **Repairs:**

Application or notice to the building official is not required for ordinary repairs to structures, replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles. Such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any, water supply, sewer, drainage, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.

### **Emergency Repairs:**

Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working day to the building official.

# Oconee County Public Libraries

## ***Applying for a Card***

To be eligible for a library card, a person must be a resident of the county, own property in the county or be regularly employed in the tax area.

**Resident cards:** In order to receive a card, one of the following must be presented:

1. Current South Carolina Driver's License
2. Current S.C. Highway Department ID card
3. Address on a personal check
4. Voter registration card
5. Property tax receipt
6. First class mail addressed to the applicant received within 30 days
7. Letter from employer verifying current employment.

**Non resident cards:** Non-residents who do not meet the criteria above may secure a library card for a \$20 annual fee per family. These cards are valid for one year.

**Reciprocal Borrowing with Pickens and Anderson Counties:** Oconee County Libraries have entered into an agreement for Reciprocal Borrowing with Pickens and Anderson County Public Libraries.

**Juvenile cards:** If the applicant is less than 15 years of age, a parent or guardian must meet the residency requirements and must accept responsibility for materials borrowed by the juvenile by signing the juvenile's card.

In general, if the applicant can show verification of address at the time he/she applies, he/she will be given a card at that time. If he/she cannot show verification, only 2 items may be borrowed and a card will be mailed to them.

Patrons are responsible for all materials checked out on their card. The library discourages a patron from allowing others to check out materials on his/her library card. However, if a patron presents another patron's library card to check out materials, staff members will assume that permission has been granted for the use of that card unless the card has been reported lost or stolen.

Library cards must be presented each time a patron wishes to check out any material.

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If a patron's card is lost or stolen, the patron should notify the library immediately in order to prevent unauthorized use of the card. Patron identification and a \$2.00 fee is required for a new card. It is the responsibility of the patron to notify the library of an address or name change.

Library cards must be presented each time a patron wishes to check out any materials.



### **Main Library at Walhalla**

501 W. South Broad Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
Phone: 864-638-4133

[Click Here for calendar information](#)

**Branch Manager:** John Hewell

#### **Hours:**

Monday - Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday (Sept. - May)	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



### **Seneca Library**

300 E. S. Second Street  
Seneca, SC 29678  
Phone: 864-882-4855

[Click Here for calendar information](#)

**Branch Manager:** Blair Hinson

#### **Hours:**

Monday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



### **Westminster Library**

112 W. North Avenue  
Westminster, SC 29693  
Phone: 864-647-3215

[Click Here for calendar information](#)

**Branch Manager:** Bobbie Cole

#### **Hours:**

Monday	11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



### **Salem Library**

5 Park Avenue  
Salem, SC 29676  
Phone: 864-944-0912

[Click Here for calendar information](#)

**Branch Manager:** Tony Moore

#### **Hours:**

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED



### **Bookmobile**

[Click Here for calendar information](#)

**Bookmobile**

**Manager:** Brenda Lee

## **Schools & Education**

### **School District of Oconee County [SDOC]**

**864-888-4400 - Contact Kay Powell, Communications Director**

**<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/>**

The mission of the School District of Oconee County is to develop life-long learners by providing exemplary educational experiences for all students.

### **Oconee Christian Academy**

**<http://www.oconeechristian.org/index.php>**

**150 His Way Circle, Seneca, SC 29672**

**864-882-6825 or toll free 1-888-346-8069**

Oconee Christian Academy is an interdenominational Christian school located in Seneca, South Carolina. Oconee Christian Academy provides a quality education based on conservative, evangelical Christian principles serving students from preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The challenging academic program taught by Christian teachers from a Biblical worldview helps our students to be prepared, not only for the challenges of college, but also for the challenges of life. Small class sizes combined with a loving classroom environment helps produce exceptional scores by our students on standardized tests. Over 80% of our students go on to higher education, and 70% of those students receive scholarships. Visit Oconee Christian Academy and see how we are preparing the leaders of this generation.

### **Tamassee DAR School**

**<http://www.tdarschool.org/default.aspx>**

**P.O. Box 8, 1925 Bumgardner Drive, Tamassee, SC 29686**

**Tel: 864.944.1390**

Tamassee DAR School is a private 501-c(3) non-profit children's home and family service organization offering multi-faceted programs to serve children and families with a variety of needs. Year round services are provided for up to 56 children in residence and 54 children in Day Care. Our programs and services include 7 on-campus child care homes that can house up to 8-10 children, middle-school academy for day and residential students, individual and group counseling, enrichment and recreational activities, and a college/after care program.

# Health & Medical

## **Oconee Medical Center**

<http://www.oconeemed.org/index.cfm>

298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672

864-882-3351

For over 65 years, Oconee Medical Center has been making a difference in the lives of the families of the foothills in South Carolina. Welcoming babies. Tending to life's accidents. Soothing illnesses with professional care and kindness. Oconee Medical Center is a place where the latest technology and treatment protocols go hand in hand with an unwavering commitment to quality and compassion.

## **Fast Facts**

- is located in Seneca, SC, and is licensed for 160 beds.
- has been accredited by JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) for over 50 years.
- Our medical staff includes approximately 125 physicians representing 25 specialties.
- Ninety-five percent of our nursing staff are registered nurses.
- employs over 1400 people.
- All Emergency Department physicians are Board-certified in Emergency Medicine, and is one of only three hospitals in South Carolina that operate an EMS.

## **Oconee County Health Department**

609 N. Townville Street, Seneca, SC 29678

864-882-2245

## **Parks, Recreation, and Tourism**

### **Main Office:**

High Falls Park  
671 High Falls Rd  
Seneca, South Carolina 29672

Telephone: 864.888.1488  
Fax: 864.888.1489

For Building or Shelter Reservations, Please Call the main office number or  
e-mail - (aleopard@oconeesc.com) - Ann Leopard - Secretary  
Office Hours 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - Closed Wednesday

### **About Us:**

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Oconee County parks provide a gateway to outdoor recreational leisure pursuits in northwestern South Carolina.

Located on the clear waters of Lake Keowee, South Cove and High Falls County parks readily lend themselves to an array of aquatic activity. Camping, fishing, boating, sailing and water skiing are readily accessible.

For those interested in a mountainous setting filled with beautiful waterfalls, Chau-Ram Park is just 10 miles from famous Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River. Chau-Ram is also very close to Sumter National Forest. Two streams, Chauga River and Ramsey Creek, converge at Chau-Ram to provide habitat for trout.

# COUNTY PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

## **PRT OFFICE/SHELTER RESERVATIONS / 864-888-1488 / [www.oconeesc.com](http://www.oconeesc.com)**

*These regulations have been developed to allow users to enjoy park facilities and to protect the park for future generations to enjoy. If you have any questions or observe a violation of these regulations, please contact the Park Superintendent.*

1. Quiet hours at all county parks are **10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** Park gates will be locked during quiet hours. At Chau Ram Park, the gate is locked at dusk. All persons, unless in boat, must enter park through main entrance.
2. The consumption and/or possession of **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are **PROHIBITED** on all park property. This includes the camping area and campsites.
3. No attempt shall be made to destroy, deface, disturb, alter or remove any facilities, wildlife or vegetation in any park. Cutting or trimming trees or underbrush is prohibited.
4. Build fires only in designated areas. Do not leave burning unattended. All fires must be completely extinguished before leaving.
5. All garbage and refuse shall be placed in cans or plastic bags for collection. Scavenging in waste containers or on park grounds is prohibited.
6. All liquid waste including sewage and grey water must be collected and disposed of at dump station. There is a \$5.00 fee for campers not staying in campground to use the dump station.
7. All pets must be on leash or under physical restraint at all times. Pets will not be left unattended. Horses, cattle or other livestock are prohibited unless authorized by PRT Director.
8. Only campers and their guests are allowed in campground. No cruising is allowed in campgrounds.
9. Camp only at designated sites. Only one camper and one tent, or two tents per site, and not more than 2 vehicles and six persons, including visitors. No washing of vehicles, campers or boats on site. Maximum stay of 30 days on one site.
10. All guests must leave the park before gate closing time unless staying overnight. Fee for opening gate for other than emergencies is \$50.00.
10. All posted speed limits and other regulations shall be followed.
11. Keep vehicles on established roads; park only in designated areas. The use of off road vehicles, three wheelers, mini- bikes, go-carts, mopeds, unlicensed golf carts and other "All Terrain Vehicles" is prohibited.
12. Due to underground wiring, digging and/or trenching is not allowed. Use wood, fiberglass or plastic tent stakes only.
13. The possession or use of fireworks, explosives, firearms or other weapons is prohibited. Authorized law enforcement officers in performance of their duties are exceptions to this regulation.
14. No vendors or commercial activities unless authorized in writing by PRT Director.
15. Recreation facilities and picnic areas are available on a first come first serve basis unless reserved. The Recreation building is available by reservation only. A fee will be charged for use of lights on tennis courts.
16. Loud radios, televisions, engines or other activities that unreasonably disturb other park users are prohibited.
17. Fees for various activities are charged as shown in separate fee schedules. Failure to pay proper fees is prohibited.
18. All camping units must have current license plate or registration in order to camp.
19. Must be at least 18 years old and have a valid picture ID to register for camping. Campers are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
20. Failure to comply with any park rule may result in expulsion from all county parks, imprisonment up to 30 days, a fine up to \$500, or a combination of the above.

## **NOTICE**

**"This area is not designated, licensed or operated as a natural public swimming area by Oconee County. Swimming is not condoned or encouraged. Dangerous and/or unknown conditions may exist. Parents must be with children at all times."**

**CHECK-OUT TIME IS 2:00 P.M.**



## Camping Fees & Building Rental Fees:

<b>Chau Ram</b>	<b>High Falls</b>	<b>South Cove</b>
<b>647-9286</b>	<b>882-8234</b>	<b>882-5250</b>

Specific Rates may be obtained by calling the parks listed above, the PRT Office at 864-888-1488 or may be viewed on the website at <http://www.oconeesc.com/parks/index.html>

## Parking Fees:

Year Round Parking is in place in all County Parks.

**Weekends/Holiday**

**Staff collects fees for parking**

**Weekdays**

**Iron Rangers are used for fee collection**

### RATES:

Daily ..... \$2.00 per car  
\$5.00 per boat/trailer

***Access for use of tennis courts requires fee***

Annual Pass (In County Resident Only) \$25.00

Discounted Annual Pass \$15.00

Sr. Citizen's (62+), legally disabled and veterans

**PLEASE BE ADVISED - ALL FEES WERE CURRENT AT PUBLICATION DATE, HOWEVER, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND SHOULD BE VERIFIED WITH THE PRT OFFICE AT 864-888-1488 OR AT THE WEBSITE AT <http://www.oconeesc.com/parks/index.html>**

## **Oconee County Solid Waste Office**

P.O. Box 1766

Seneca, SC 29679

864-888-1440 (all Convenience Center questions answered at this number)

<http://www.oconeesc.com/SolidWaste/index.html>

### **City of Seneca Brush, C & D and Appliance Pick-Up:**

888-0864 or 855-2723

### **City of Seneca Garbage & Recycling Collection:**

885-2750

### **City of Walhalla Garbage & Recycling Collection**

638-4351

### **City of Westminster Garbage & Recycling Collection**

647-3218

### **Litter**

Oconee County has limited personnel to control roadside litter and clean up illegal dumps. Littering and illegal dumping should be reported to the **Oconee County Sheriff's Department** at 638-4111. When service requests are received for roads or areas outside County jurisdiction, the request will be forwards to the appropriate authority.

# Voting in South Carolina

## How to Register

A citizen who wishes to register to vote can register in person at their county board of voter registration; or they may download a form, complete it, and mail it to their county board of voter registration.

Voter Registration Application: [http://www.scvotes.org/files/VR\\_Blank\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scvotes.org/files/VR_Blank_Form.pdf)

## Who Can Register?

In order to vote, South Carolina law requires one must first register to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. To be eligible to register in South Carolina you MUST:

- be a United States citizen -be at least eighteen years old on or before the next election
- be a resident of South Carolina, this county and precinct
- not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- have never been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws **OR** if previously convicted, have served the entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction.

There is no length of residency requirement in South Carolina in order to register to vote. You can register at any time.

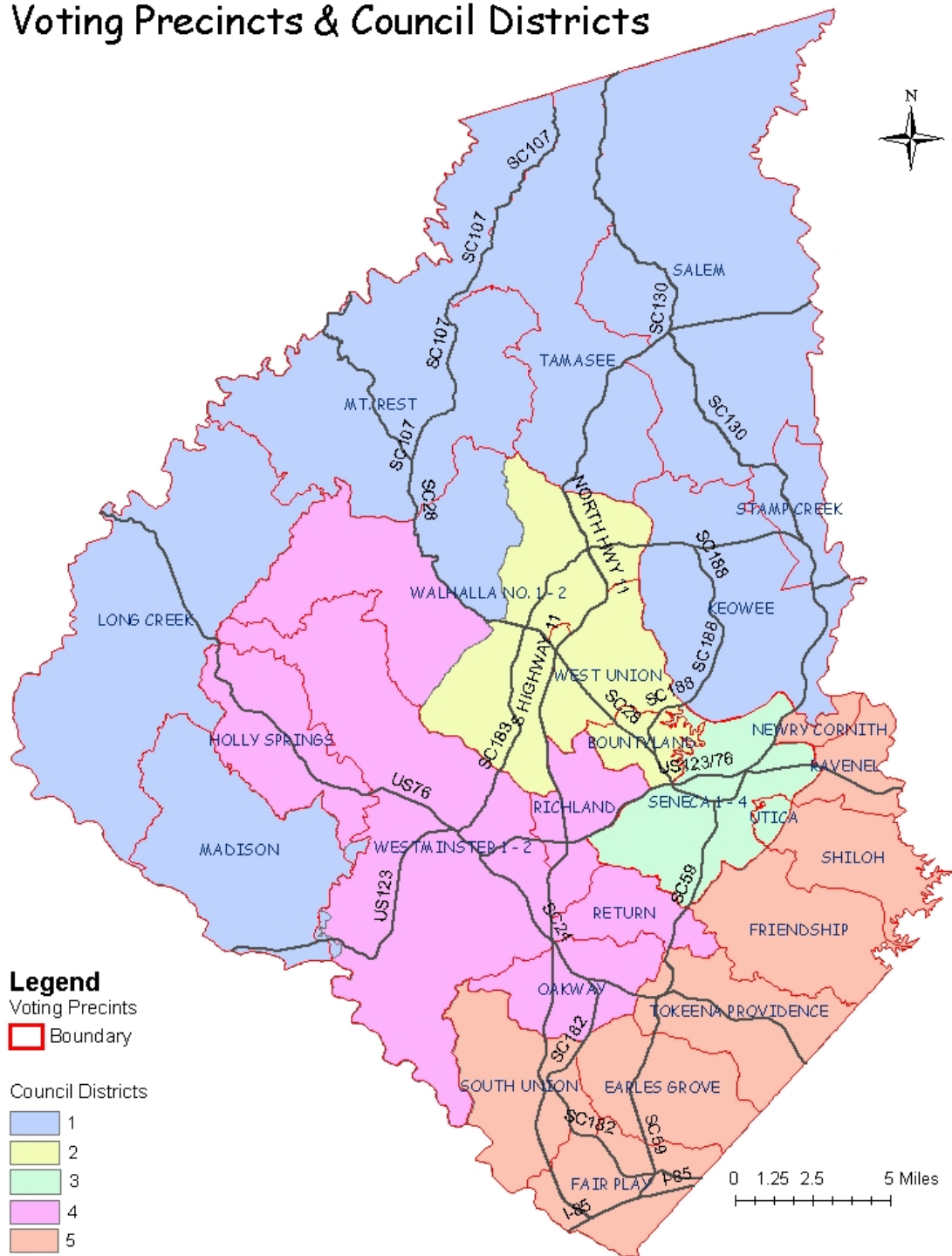
You must be registered at least 30 days prior to any election in order to vote in that election. Registration by mail applications must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to that particular election to be eligible.

## Absentee voting information

The contact information below is where you send your voter registration form or obtain absentee voting information.

*Oconee County Board of Voter Registration*  
415 South Pine Street  
Walhalla SC 29691  
(864) 638-4196 Fax 638-4197  
Joy Brooks  
[jbrooks@oconeesc.com](mailto:jbrooks@oconeesc.com)

# Voting Precincts & Council Districts



# Description of Oconee County Form of Government Council-Administrator

The council in the council-administrator form of government shall consist of not less than three members nor more than 12 members. Council members are again elected either for two or four year terms of office. In Oconee County, council consists of 5 members each for a four term.

The administrator is an appointive official employed by the council who is to be the administrative head of the county government responsible for administration in all departments subject to the council's control. The council may employ the administrator for a definite term or not, at its discretion. Should the council decide to terminate the administrator, he shall be given a written statement of the reasons for termination and has the right to a public hearing at a council meeting.

The powers and duties of the county administrator are outlined in state law and include the following:

- (1) serving as chief administrative officer of the county;
- (2) executing the policies, directives and legislative actions of the council;
- (3) directing and coordinating operations of the county;
- (4) preparing annual operating and capital budgets for the council, and requiring such reports, estimates and statistics as necessary from county departments and agencies;
- (5) supervising the expenditure of appropriated funds;
- (6) preparing financial and administrative reports for the council;
- (7) administering county personnel policies, including salary and classification plans approved by council;
- (8) employing and discharging county personnel, subject to council appropriation of funds for that purpose;
- (9) performing other duties as required by the council.

The administrator is specifically directed by law to inform the council of anticipated revenues and the amount of tax revenue required to meet the financial requirements of the county when he presents proposed operating and capital budgets to the council.

The administrator has no authority over any elected officials of the county whose offices were created by the state Constitution or laws, with the exception of applying general organizational policies adopted by the council. Council members also have no authority over elected officials with the exception of general organizational policies adopted by council.

Except for purposes of inquiries and investigations, the county council shall not deal with county officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the administrator except through the administrator.

**Neither the council nor its members are to give orders or instructions to county employees.**

## Helpful Links to Other Agencies

### **Mountain Lakes Convention & Visitor's Bureau / Oconee County, SC**

1-877-MT-LAKES Toll Free

<http://www.scmountainlakes.com/Default.asp>

You can obtain a free visitor's guide on this website that will highlight leisure activities, dining, shopping and much more.

### **Municipalities in Oconee County:**

<b>City of Seneca</b>	885-2700
221 East North First Street	885-2701 [fax]
Seneca, SC 29678	

<b>City of Walhalla</b>	638-4343
206 North Church Street	638-4357 [fax]
Walhalla, SC 29691	

<b>City of Westminster</b>	647-3202
100 East Windsor Street	647-3229 [fax]
Westminster, SC 29693	

<b>Town of West Union</b>	638-9978
1442 West Main Street	638-8484 [fax]
West Union, SC 29696	

<b>Town of Salem</b>	944-2819
5-A Park Avenue	944-7795 [fax]
Salem, SC 29676	

### **School District of Oconee County [SDOC]**

864-888-4400 - Contact Kay Powell, Communications Director

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/>

### **The Official Website of South Carolina**

<http://www.sc.gov/>

### **Oconee County Government:**

County Administrator	864-638-4245
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County Council Office	864-718-1023
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Individual Council Members and contact information are listed on the  
Council Website: [www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)