



## Renewable Water Resources Spring 2012 Community E-Newsletter

*Dear Community Leader,*

At Renewable Water Resources (ReWa), we believe that keeping the community informed is key to a successful relationship. We are proud to share our newest organizational updates with you.

### National Recognition:



At the Winter Conference of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), ReWa's medication collection event, **Project Rx: A River Remedy**, was recognized with the 2012 National Environmental

Achievement Award for Public Service. NACWA's Public Service Award is presented to member agencies for significant contribution during the past year in local, state or national public service related to wastewater treatment, public utility operation, or environmental protection. Project Rx: A River Remedy will soon launch its fourth medication collection event in collaboration with the DEA. See details below!

### Project Rx: A River Remedy Event:

*Protecting our Rivers and Residents.*

Don't forget to collect your unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal with local law enforcement on **Saturday, April 28th 10am to 2pm** at multiple Upstate locations. Visit [www.ARiverRemedy.org](http://www.ARiverRemedy.org) to find a location near you.



### Environmental Legislation:



Governor Haley recently signed a new law focusing on the presence of phosphates in dishwashing detergent. State law already limits phosphates in laundry detergent and other cleaners, and now bans household dishwasher detergent with greater than 0.5% phosphorus. This measure will help reduce the amount of phosphorus going down the drain and eventually into our rivers, lakes and streams.

ReWa is also launching an educational campaign entitled **Be Freshwater Friendly** to help the community learn about how they can reduce their impact on pollution from phosphorus, as well as other pollutants in stormwater runoff. Changing the way we use yard fertilizers, paints and even pesticides can help protect our aquatic environments.

### **National Certification:**

The National Biosolids Partnership (NBP), an alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF) with advisory support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recognizes ReWa as the first in South Carolina to be certified and admitted to the Partnership's environmental management system (EMS) for biosolids program.

As the 33rd organization certified and admitted into the NBP EMS program, ReWa's achievement recognizes that the organization has been independently verified as having an effective biosolids environmental management system. For more information on ReWa and its biosolids program, [click here](#).



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray T. Orvin, Jr.".

Ray T. Orvin, Jr.  
ReWa Executive Director