

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting the health of our valuable groundwater, lakes, streams and waterways, and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly 30 percent of homes and businesses in South Carolina utilize septic systems to properly treat and dispose of wastewater; and

**WHEREAS,** wastewater professionals of the State of South Carolina use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services' engagement of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart initiative educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system installation, use, and routine maintenance; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services has resources to educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system installation, use, and routine maintenance located at [des.sc.gov/septic](https://des.sc.gov/septic); and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's environment and residents benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 - 19, 2025, as

### SEPTICSMART WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of proper septic system operation in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**