



EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP POLLUTION

Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group



Recycle your used motor oil. Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Express, AutoZone, and most other service stations in your community accept used oil. *Never pour oil or automotive fluids down storm drain which flows directly into creeks, streams, or rivers.*

Select water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. *Don't pour any paint or toxic material down the storm drain.*



Reduce auto emissions through regular auto maintenance, car pooling, and use of public transportation. Fix oil, transmission, and radiator leaks in your car.



Leaking automotive fluids can wash off roads, driveways, and parking lots into creeks, streams, and rivers during rain showers.



Use garbage cans for your trash. Recycle reusable materials like cardboard, paper, plastic, and aluminum. Don't throw trash and litter in the streets and ditches; it will wash into the creeks and rivers. Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass. *Don't* wash grimy road dirt and soap down the driveway and into the storm drain.



Sweep the dirt from your sidewalk and driveway back into your yard with a broom. Pick up pet wastes and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. *Hosing dirt and pet wastes away flushes it directly into the storm drains and eventually into the creeks, streams, and rivers.*





Dispose of any hazardous household chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. Purchase "natural" products available for your home and garden. Collect grass clippings and leaves and start a compost pile. Compost makes excellent soil conditioner for flower beds and gardens and is a beneficial way to dispose of yard waste. Never use storm drains, creeks or streams to dispose of yard wastes.

Use pesticides, herbicides,

fertilizers, and other lawn

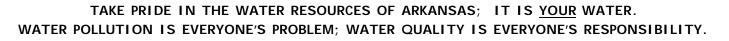
chemicals sparingly. Never

double the dose. Follow the

directions and do not apply

if rain is forecasted.

Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every 3 years to remove sludge and scum. Practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system. *Repair* or replace malfunctioning or outdated septic systems.

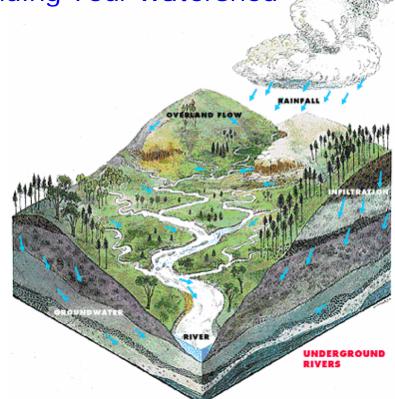


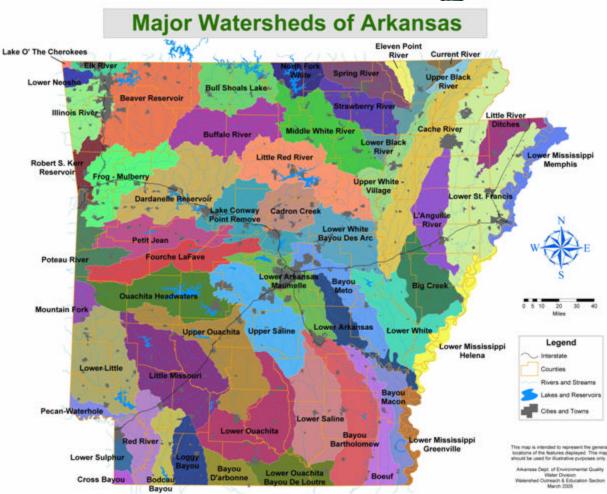
Understanding Your Watershed

What is a Watershed?

Water flows both over the surface of the land and through permeable soils underground in response to gravity. The term **watershed** refers to the geographic area where this flowing water is collected into a common waterbody. The waterbody could be a large river, small stream, a lake, or even a wetland.

Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. Some watersheds may only consist of a few acres of land, while others may cover thousands of miles. Land elevation determines the size of a watershed, with the highest points of elevation serving as boundary lines. Watersheds cross county, state, and national boundaries. No matter where you are or where you live, you are in a watershed!





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