

Hope Mills Stormwater Newsletter

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You are part of a watershed.

A watershed is made up of all of the area that drains to a common waterway like a stream, river, lake, and even the ocean.

A watershed carries water "shed" from the land after rain falls or snow melts. Drop by drop, water is channeled into soils, ground waters, creeks, and streams, making its way to larger rivers and eventually the ocean. As water runs across the land, it picks up many things that it comes in contact with like chemicals, soil, and bacteria.

What happens to the water in your watershed determines the quality of your drinking water, the strength of your ecosystem, and the health of everything that depends on water in your neighborhood-including you! The important thing about watersheds is: what we do on the land affects water quality for all communities living downstream.

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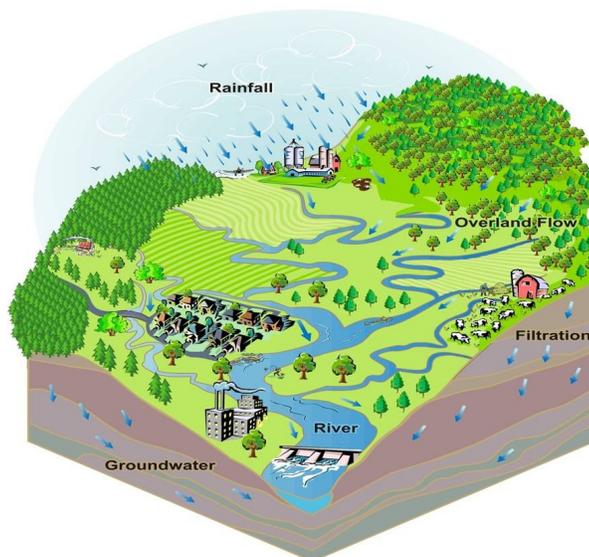
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How can you help keep your watershed healthy?

1. Use less chemicals like pesticides and fertilizers.
2. Never throw trash on the ground or in the stream; always dispose of litter properly.
3. Pick up after your pets-pet waste carries harmful bacteria that can wind up in our waters!
4. Plant trees next to streams; buffers are a great way to help keep your watershed healthy.
5. Wash your car at a car wash, or if you do wash at home, wash over grass and use biodegradable detergents.

Install a rain garden or a rain barrel!!

Don't forget to dispose of chemicals properly!

Proper disposal of household chemicals is an important part of maintaining a healthy watershed. Never pour unused chemicals down the storm drain! To dispose of chemicals properly you can either:

1. Take them to the Wilkes Road landfill (it is open from 8am-4pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month). For more information visit their website at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/solid_waste_mgmt/household_hazardous_waste.aspx
2. Store them properly and bring them to the Household Hazardous waste drop off event every April at the Hope Mills Town Hall.

