

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
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Watershed Protection Program

**Storm Water
Hotline**

930-1999

Major Waterbodies in

Jefferson County:

Black Warrior River

Cahaba River

Five Mile Creek

Locust Fork

Shades Creek

Turkey Creek

Valley Creek

Village Creek

Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program

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Birmingham, AL 35233

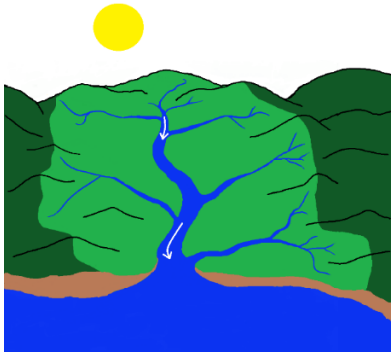
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What is stormwater?

Stormwater is any precipitation in an urban or suburban area that does not evaporate or soak into the ground, but instead collects and flows into the nearest stormdrains, streams and rivers.

What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area that drains to a common waterway such as: streams, lakes or oceans. All land is a part of a watershed. Just as small streams flow and converge to make larger streams, small watersheds are pieces of larger watersheds.



What is the Jefferson County Department of Health's (JCDH) Watershed Protection Program?

The Storm Water Management Authority, Inc. (SWMA) has contracted with JCDH to perform stormwater monitoring, sampling, laboratory analysis, erosion inspection, and education. SWMA members are required by the 1972 Clean Water Act to protect watersheds within their city limits.

What can I do to protect my watershed?

- Recycle used motor oil at participating service stations or car maintenance shops.
- Pick up after your pets. Leaving pet waste on the ground may cause harmful bacteria to wash into stormdrains, streams and rivers.
- Clean out your septic tanks every 3-5 years.
- Sparingly use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Excess can wash into your local stream.
- Report discolored water or an odor present in a waterbody.
- Report untreated sewage or washing machine waste on the ground.
- Report mud from a construction site entering into the storm drain or stream.

If you see something, say something.

**Call
Jefferson County Department of
Health's Storm Water Hotline:**

(205) 930-1999

All messages will be investigated and referred to the proper agency.

Storm Water Management Authority

Members:

Adamsville
Brookside
Brighton
Center Point
Clay
Fairfield
Fultondale
Gardendale
Graysville
Homewood
Hueytown
Irondale
Lipscomb
Maytown
Midfield
Mulga
Mountain Brook
Pinson
Pleasant Grove
Tarrant
Trussville
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